

Thatcher ends conference on note of victory

Tories gave Mrs Thatcher a rapturous welcome as she defended the Government and savaged Labour... Powers to fight the introduction of a new generation of hard drugs were announced by the Home Office

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Mrs Margaret Thatcher yesterday launched the Conservative bid for a third successive election victory by pledging a crusade for popular capitalism and assuring the Labour Party's commitment to unilateralism.

Labour's stance, she said, was an absolute break with the defence policy of every government since the war, the biggest gain for the Soviet Union in 40 years.

It would expose Britain to the threat of nuclear blackmail and leave no option but to surrender. Not only those alive today but future generations would be put at risk.

Mrs Thatcher said: "The Labour Party of Atlee, of Gaitskell, of Wilson is dead and no one has more surely killed it than the present leadership."

Both she and Mr Norman Tebbit, the party chairman, gave notice of their election tactics by appealing to traditional Labour voters dismayed by the switch to unilateralism, to join the Conservatives as the only home left for them.

Sporting a red rose, which she announced was the "rose of England" belonging to people of all parties, Mrs Thatcher was given a ten-minute ovation by a rapturous audience after the party's most successful conference in years.

Her half-hour speech, shorter than most she has delivered as leader, concentrated on three objectives: assailing Labour's defence policy, defending the Tory record as a caring party and pledging a further drive towards the property-owning democracy.

There was scarcely a word on foreign affairs and she alluded to the economy only in the most general terms. Ministers and MPs left Bournemouth convinced that it was their last party conference before an election after

by sanctions against South Africa, the shutdown of American bases and the closing of nuclear power stations. The Tories, by contrast, had rolled back the frontiers of the State and would roll them back further. They would widen choice and ownership.

The great Tory reform of this century was to enable more and more people to own property. "Popular capitalism is nothing less than a crusade to enfranchise the many in the economic life of the nation. We Conservatives are returning power to the people. That is the way to one nation, one people," she said.

Emphasizing their record as a party which cared, Mrs Thatcher said: "It's because we care deeply about the health service that we have launched the biggest hospital building programme in this country's history".

On education Mrs Thatcher promised: "I am confident that we can really improve the quality of education, improve it not just in the 20 new schools but in every school in the land."

The interests of Britain, she concluded, "can now only be served by a third Conservative victory", quickening the already-developing election atmosphere.

Earlier, Mr Tebbit had said that Labour had "led the centre ground, rushing back to state, outdated socialism and smashing the 40-year consensus on defence", while the Alliance had fallen apart.

The Alliance was in the middle not from conviction but from confusion and indecision. "Suddenly there is

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Gorbachov sets the pace with arrival speech



Style and smiles: Mr and Mrs Gorbachov arriving at Keflavik airport, Reykjavik, yesterday.

Praise for Reagan attitude

From Christopher Walker Reykjavik

Hopes for a successful outcome to this weekend's unexpected super-power summit rose yesterday when Mr Mikhail Gorbachov delivered an upbeat arrival speech warmly praising the responsible attitude to the meeting which he said had been adopted by President Reagan.

Seizing the opportunity provided by the presence of an Iceland Television microphone at the airport, Mr Gorbachov deftly upstaged the US leader, who had made no arrival address.

The Kremlin leader used the opportunity to stress that the dominant topic at the three weekend meetings should be nuclear disarmament.

Accompanied by his wife, Raisa, Mr Gorbachov said that remarks made by Mr Reagan earlier in the week provided "not a little foundation" on which to start a meeting at which he hoped both leaders would share responsibility for the future of the world.

"We are prepared to look for solutions to the burning problems which concern people all over the world, and among them, with first priority, to take the decisions which would remove the threat of nuclear war and which would allow us to tackle thoroughly the problem of disarmament," Mr Gorbachov said.

The brief speech reinforced recent claims by senior officials from both sides that a likely outcome of the meeting would be a removal of remaining differences on a treaty limiting medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe.

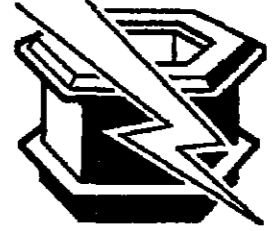
Experts predict such a treaty will be signed at the next "full summit" in Washington, whose date will be on this weekend's agenda.

The arrival of the Soviet delegation was preceded by confirmation from a senior Soviet official that the dissident poetess Irina Ratushinskaya had been unconditionally released from her Soviet labour camp.

Since her sentence in March 1983 of seven years on strict regime in the camp plus a further five internal exile for "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda", she has become one of the best known prisoners of conscience in the West.

MOSCOW: Irina Ratushinskaya said she was surprised and glad to be free (A Correspondent writes).

The Times next week



Monday: A major series starts on the Big Bang, the revolution that will transform the City of London later this month. It affects all of us, not just the financial experts in the square mile. The Times looks at the issues

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Plus: A profile of Sean Kelly, the world's leading cycle racer

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Plus: An interview with actor Denholm Elliott, below, on the television version of Scoop, Evelyn Waugh's hilarious satire on journalism, written 50 years ago but still the definitive work in its field

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A new face for Russia

The first surprise was that the Russians should have called such a press conference at all to discuss the domestic problems and policies of Gorbachov's Russia.

Domestic? Surely, the Russians would not want to air all that to the world's press - and more specifically to the freshly-arrived and aggressive White House press corps - on the eve of the big meeting. But that was exactly the intention.

Michael Binyon, who reported for The Times from Moscow for four years and is now working as Washington Correspondent, finds a culture shock in the Russians' new public relations offensive before the Reykjavik mini-summit.

As one of the four experts brought over from Moscow to explain it all said: "All foreign policy is a reflection of the domestic situation. It is the same with us. It is important to understand the reforms in the Soviet Union and the process of democratization."

Democratization? That was another shock. Here was a Soviet official himself suggesting that Soviet society was not already fully democratic, indeed the world's first society

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TSB shares drop after golden start

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Trustee Savings Bank shares opened on the stock market yesterday at 100p, a massive 100 per cent premium above the partly-paid offer price of 50p, but fell rapidly during the day to close at around 85p.

Many of the 3.15 billion investors are believed to have missed out on the initial premium because they did not receive their allocation letters, which were sent out on Thursday, by the first post yesterday morning.

Investors cannot sell shares without the letter which they must first show to their stockbroker.

Meanwhile, the building societies reported the largest net outflow of deposits in their history during September, mainly caused by about £1.5 billion withdrawn by investors applying for TSB shares.

Sir John Read, TSB chairman, said he was "astonished" by the opening price of the shares but added he was delighted that the process of floating the bank, which began three years ago, was finally over.

Trading in TSB shares was restrained, as institutional investors showed little interest while the price remained so high.

There was no sign in the

Two girls found murdered

By Michael McCarthy

Two schoolgirls whose disappearance on Thursday led to a widespread police hunt, were found murdered last night near their homes in Brighton, East Sussex.

The bodies of Nicola Fellows, aged 10, and her friend Karen Hadway, aged 9, were discovered in a woodland park on the Moulsecomb estate. They were last seen when they set out to buy chips from a local shop.

They were found in dense undergrowth by a teenage neighbour who had joined the search by more than 150 police officers who used dogs and a helicopter in the hunt.

The two girls, whose families live near each other in the estate's Newick Road, were close friends.

Their bodies were found fully-clothed and lying together in woods 100 yards from the main path skirting Wild Park, which is across the main A27 Brighton - Lewes road from the Moulsecomb estate. The cause of their deaths was not known.

After the girls failed to return from the fish and chip shop on Thursday evening, concern for their safety was intensified by reports that a man in a dirty blue car had been seen outside the shop.

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Howe plays down effect on Saudis

By Nicholas Beeston

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, denied yesterday that the publication of an embarrassing confidential dispatch about Saudi Arabia would harm relations with the Saudis or threaten a royal visit to the kingdom next month.

"It is a dispatch written in personal terms by the former ambassador," he told BBC television, referring to Sir James Craig, the author of the message. "It does not represent a statement of view or opinion by or on behalf of the British Government."

Excerpts also appeared in The Scotsman and The Mirror. The New Statesman magazine was banned from printing it.

The Saudi Embassy in London said it had had no instructions from its Foreign Ministry regarding the matter and the British ambassador there had not been officially approached over the incident.

A Foreign Office spokesman said the Cabinet Office had started an investigation into how the confidential document fell into unauthorized hands.

His comments came after publication of the text in the Glasgow Herald on Thursday.

Anti-drugs crusade by Mellor

By Richard Evans Political Correspondent

Tough measures to prevent new hard drugs up to 100 times stronger than heroin from reaching the streets of Britain were announced yesterday by Mr David Mellor, Minister of State at the Home Office.

The "designer drugs", which are made from a cocktail of chemicals have swept the west coast of America. The side effects include brain damage and the symptoms of Parkinson's disease.

Mr Mellor, who has masterminded the Government campaign against drugs, told the Conservative Party conference in Bournemouth he would introduce new powers in the next session of Parliament to outlaw the drugs, and trafficking in them will carry a maximum penalty of life imprisonment.

He also gave a strong hint that the Government is set to increase the number of customs officers engaged in anti-drug work at Britain's ports and airports.

Mr Mellor disclosed that drug liaison officers, who already operate in South America and Pakistan providing crucial intelligence to customs and police in Britain, are being posted soon to two "key western European locations".

At the end of the conference season, Ladbroke's revised the odds for which party will obtain most seats at the next General Election to 8-13 Tories, 6-5 Labour, 33-1 Alliance.

Successes 'distorted', page 3



Mrs Thatcher acknowledging the standing ovation at the end of her speech.

Complaint on BBC coverage

The Tories stepped up their campaign against alleged BBC bias yesterday when they disclosed they were lodging a formal complaint over the corporation's television coverage of a major news event, believed to be the aftermath of the American bombing raid on Libya.

The move, announced at the Tory conference by Mr Norman Tebbit, will provide the first big test for Mr Marmaduke Hussey, who becomes chairman of the BBC board of governors next month.

Mr Tebbit said that each pejorative phrase and intrusion of political comment in the guise of factual news had been noted.

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Kasparov alleges chess title cheating

Leningrad (AP) - The world chess champion, Gary Kasparov, yesterday said two of his aides had left his camp during the second half of his title match against Anatoly Karpov in Leningrad and intimated that one might have given defence secrets to Karpov.

Kasparov said Gennady Timoshchenko and Vevgeny Vladimirov had left his close circle of advisers and been replaced by two friends from his hometown of Baku, international master Elmar Magerianov and grandmaster Mikhail Gurovich.

"Timoshchenko wanted to leave the camp already at the start of this half of the game," Kasparov said. "There was a clash after game 19 and Vladimir left. After game 19 it was clear that Vladimir had copied all of my moves. He wanted me to believe that he did it on his own. It was up to me whether to trust him or distrust him," Kasparov said.

There have been widespread rumors among the experts watching the Leningrad clash that Vladimir sold top-secret defences to Karpov. The challenger took game 19, the third in a run of three victories that enabled him to pull level with Kasparov at 9½ points each before games 20 and 21 were drawn and Kasparov won game 22 to retain his title.

"Before the match my idea was simple - to score 12 or 12½ points. In the practical sense, the beauty and quality did not matter so much," Kasparov said. "But when the games got beautiful, I forgot about my major aim and lost games 17, 18 and 19."

"I decided to play simply and reliably after the 15th game. My aim was to draw 20 and 21 and win the 22nd, which I achieved."

Karpov said he could not understand why he frequently had time trouble in the match. He said he had no guarantee of success against Andrei Sokolov, a Russian, aged 23, when he meets him next February in Linares, Spain, to decide who will challenge Kasparov for the world title next September.

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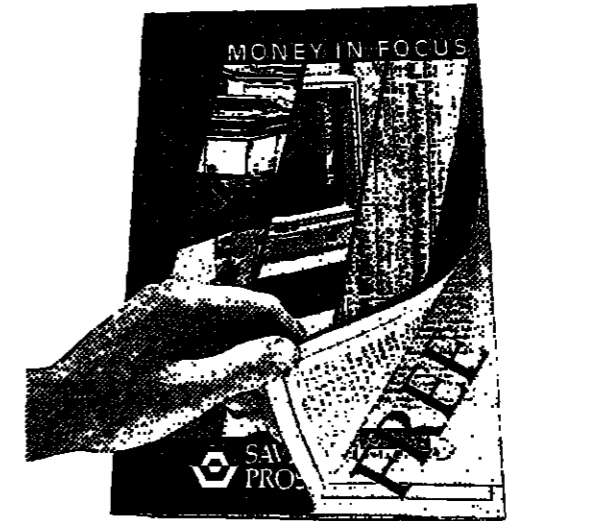
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Hostages held in raid on Spanish bank

Madrid - Police in Barcelona were last night negotiating with two gunmen holding more than 12 people hostage in a bank hold-up which started at lunchtime (Richard Wigg writes).

The attackers entered a branch of the Banco de Sabadell unnoticed, turning on the staff and customers. Shots were heard from inside the branch after a deadline passed without their demands being met. It is not known whether anyone was killed or injured.

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NEWS SUMMARY

Seamen vote to continue strike

Seamen at Dover and Folkestone decided yesterday to continue indefinitely the stoppage that has crippled Sealink ferry services at 13 ports (Tim Jones writes).

The situation could worsen next week when the result of a ballot on industrial action by 2,000 members of the National Union of Railwaymen, who carry out dockside work at the ports, is known.

The railmen could disrupt Isle of Wight services, where they handle the six ferries now operating normally, and refuse to handle lorries using Sealink ports, affecting the operations of French, Belgian, Dutch and B&I ferries.

Mr Sam McClellan, assistant general secretary of the National Union of Seafarers, told a mass meeting of union members at Dover and Folkestone that if Sealink members lost their fight over manning levels, Townsend Thoresen employees would be next.

At Portsmouth, a picket of crew members who are occupying the Sealink ferry, Earl Harold, failed to stop freight reaching the Corbiere, the only vessel still operating to the Channel Islands.

Union members at Folkestone have rejected a Sealink offer to increase pay by about £10 a week with a lump sum of £500 if they accept new working practices. The dispute is the result of the loss of 492 jobs.

Owen is first choice

Nearly half of those holding top jobs in Britain believe that Dr David Owen would make a better Prime Minister than Mrs Thatcher, who had the support of only a third, according to a Harris poll in The Spectator (Martin Fletcher writes).

Dr Owen, backed by just over half those polled compared with only 10 per cent for Mrs Thatcher, also emerges as the most attractive personality of the four party leaders. Mrs Thatcher is considered humourless and dictatorial, and although it was felt she had done a good job as Prime Minister, she was now regarded by 40 per cent of respondents as a liability.

The poll was of 155 senior people in industry, business, finance, politics, the law and other professions, of whom 48 per cent were Conservative voters.

£712.3m Liberals' Irish link

The Government's subsidy to British Rail for passenger services has been set at £712.3 million for the 1986-87 financial year, 25 per cent lower than in 1983 in real terms.

Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Transport, said yesterday that the grant was well within the target which the railways were set by the Government and reflected a considerable achievement by the British Railways Board.

Grants for passenger services in the preceding three years were: £853 million (1983); £822 million (1984-85) and £820 million in 1985-86. Converted to constant 1986-87 prices the value of the grant in 1983 is put at £992 million.

Family transplant

A girl aged two underwent a bone-marrow operation at a hospital in Leeds yesterday as the first step towards saving her elder brother who suffers from a rare form of anaemia.

The two-hour operation was performed on Betty Lawrence, of Edinburgh Street, Hull, Humberside, at St James's Hospital in the morning. Last night, her brother, Kevin, aged eight, received the bone marrow in a transplant operation. He will be kept under observation for a month to ensure that the marrow is compatible.

Princess in appeal

The Princess of Wales was guest of honour at the launch yesterday of a £1.5 million appeal to build three centres for research into disorders affecting pregnant women and their children.

The Princess opened the appeal at the Harris Birthright Research Centre, at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, where pioneering maternity research is carried out.

The appeal will raise funds for similar laboratories in other regions. The Princess was shown around the centre by its director, Dr Chris Redman.

'Strict' head backed

Eighty mothers, many pushing perambulators, yesterday marched in support of a headmaster who is waiting the result of a disciplinary inquiry for being "old fashioned".

The Inner London Education Authority suspended Mr Brian Dugan as headmaster of St Jude's Church of England primary school, at Elephant and Castle, south London, after inspectors claimed teaching methods were "too strict and traditional".

The mothers handed in a petition, with 400 signatures, to the ILEA demanding Mr Dugan be reinstated unconditionally but were told that they must await the result of a disciplinary board of inquiry into his education methods. The school's governors have reinstated Mr Dugan.

Teachers take hard line on pay talks

By Mark Dowd Education Reporter Teachers and local authority employers looked to be on collision course last night after the news that unions seek to change some of the terms of the draft pay agreement reached at Coventry in July.

When teachers meet employers next week they will seek the following amendments to the summer deal:

• The number of the new principal teacher posts to be increased from 15 per cent of the teaching pool to 26 per cent.

• Extra allowances for principal teachers to be "substantially above" the two-tier figures of £750 and £2,000 presently on offer.

• The number of principal teachers per school to be decided not by local authorities, but by agreed criteria on a national basis.

• Increased payments for transferring to the new Main Professional Grade.

Two factors account for the change in mood. Most of the six unions have been under pressure to renegotiate improved terms, in particular the National Association of Head Teachers and the Secondary Heads Association whose members believe the pay differentials reflect unfair reward for keeping many schools open during the hardships experienced during the 1985 pay discussions.

Furthermore, last week's Main report on the pay and conditions of the Scottish teaching profession, which recommended a 16.4 per cent increase over 18 months, has filled some teachers with envy because of Main's superior

deal, presently quoted at £2.9 billion over five years.

However, one move open to the employers could be to concede ground on the number of principal teachers in exchange for a lowering of the pay maximum to a figure more in line with the Main recommendations for Scotland.

An added factor is the hand of the Secretary of State for Education, Mr Kenneth Baker, who can either play a waiting game or put his money on the table once sure of his winnings in the public expenditure review.

I do not see how the authorities can begin to consider these proposals - they are extraordinary."

First reaction to the new bid from the teachers will be that their new demands will add even more to the bill for any

Stalker faces refusal to pay his £21,000 bill

By Ian Smith The Greater Manchester Police Authority's finance and policy committee has decided not to pay the £21,000 legal costs incurred by Mr John Stalker in the successful fight to clear his name.

The committee voted overwhelmingly against paying the costs after a debate, barred to the press and public, on Thursday.

Mr Stalker, the authority's deputy chief constable, was suspended from duty for three months this year and investigated by a team of detectives headed by Mr Colin Sampson, Chief Constable of West Yorkshire.

It is understood members of the Labour-controlled committee argued that in any comparable industrial dispute, legal costs would be met by the accused's trade union. In this case the bill should be met by the Association of Chief Police Officers, whose president is Mr James Anderson, Mr Stalker's immediate superior.

There is no precedent for such a move by the association. Mr Harold Ross, the general secretary, said yesterday: "John Stalker has made no formal or informal approach to the association for financial assistance. Should he do so the matter will go before the next meeting of the council for consideration."

The finance and policy committee recommendation will be discussed at a full meeting of the police authority next Friday.

Time limit for trials is delayed

By Our Legal Affairs Correspondent The Lord Chancellor's department denied yesterday that there was any wrangle between its officials and those of the Home Office over how to implement statutory time limits on bringing cases to trial.

It said the Government "attached great importance to the new system of time limits" which "has major implications for the criminal justice system."

But the two departments wanted to "get the time limits system right". To implement it prematurely would be simply irresponsible, the department said.

The proposed system of statutory time limits, under which lawyers must bring cases to trial within a set period, or have the defendant released on bail, was to be brought in over four areas this autumn. It will not now come in until next spring, in the four pilot areas, and in the summer elsewhere.

The Lord Chancellor's department admitted it had taken longer than "originally hoped" to collect data from the field trials, but there was no dispute between them over what the set period of time should be for bringing a case



Mrs Savage being welcomed at the London Hospital, Whitechapel, yesterday by her opponent, Mr Trevor Beedham, a consultant. Between them is Professor Sam Cohen, chairman of the hospital's general medical council (Photograph: Peter Trienor).

Public welcome at hospital

By Jill Sherman Mrs Wendy Savage was publicly welcomed back to work yesterday at the London Hospital by one of the consultants who had opposed her reinstatement.

In a conciliatory gesture, Mr Trevor Beedham, chairman of the obstetrics division, shook Mrs Savage's hand on the hospital steps and accepted the women's charter which had been drawn up by her patients and supporters.

A smiling Mrs Savage said she was delighted to be back and appreciated Mr Beedham's gesture. "I didn't know what sort of welcome I'd get, but Trevor Beedham was here and put out a hand of friendship. As far as I'm concerned we're all colleagues."

Earlier this week Mr Beedham sent a letter to Mr John Alway, general manager of Tower Hamlets Health Authority, saying that the division refused to cooperate with arrangements for Mrs Savage's return.

After the publication of the Munro panel's report recommending her immediate reinstatement, Mr John Hartgill, the senior consultant, said that some of the recommendations were unacceptable.

At the same time Mr Robert Atlay, secretary of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, said: "There is going to be a lot of bloodshed to come and ill feeling which we can only hope will be overcome in time."

But yesterday, after an early meeting with Mr Francis Cumberland, chairman of the authority, the consultants adopted, at least publicly, a less antagonistic stance.

"We had made our own recommendations, but having heard the verdict of the health authority we are going to do our best to make the system work," Mr Beedham said.

Professor Geddis Grudzinskas, who had opposed Mrs Savage's return, said: "We are going to try and make the recommendations work." Yesterday afternoon members of the medical college, including the professor, met to discuss how it could adopt the arrangements outlined in the Munro panel report.

Mrs Savage was cleared of five cases of professional incompetence last July following an inquiry which led to a seventeen month suspension.

Hospitals short of doctors

By a Staff Reporter Health authorities all over the country face an acute shortage of junior doctors, causing ward closures, cancelled clinics and reduced operating sessions.

A survey published today by the National Association of Health Authorities, shows that almost half the country's 192 health districts have problems recruiting junior doctors, and many find it difficult to meet the high cost of using locum agencies.

The problem has worsened over the last two years with the restrictions limiting overseas doctors to four years in Britain. In the past, many districts relied on those doctors to fill senior house officer posts.

Eighty-seven districts said they had senior house officer shortages and 77 found it difficult to recruit for full-time posts and locum cover. The districts that suffer are those without teaching hospitals where there are no favourable career prospects. The problem is worse in certain specialties such as orthopaedics, anaesthetics, accident and emergency, ear, nose and throat, ophthalmology, general surgery, psychiatry and obstetrics.

Mr Philip Hunt, NAHA director, is seeking an urgent meeting with the Department of Health and Social Security. The British Medical Association said yesterday that training programmes in non-teaching districts must be improved to attract junior doctors.

Mr James Matthews, a dockerman aged 56 of Rainham, Essex, was killed when his forklift truck overturned at Tilbury Docks yesterday.

Pretoria bans visit by union leaders

The South African government yesterday banned a British delegation headed by two trade union leaders from entering the country.

Miss Brenda Dean, general secretary of Sogat '82, and Mr Harry Conroy, general secretary of the National Union of Journalists, were due to leave with seven colleagues tomorrow.

Announcing the ban, the South African embassy said: "The Department of the Interior has indicated it does not want to see its way to granting entry authorization at the present time."

"We took note of the attitude of British trade unionism in granting observer status to African National Congress representatives at the TUC in Brighton while refusing to allow embassy representatives to attend."

"We also took note of the much publicized anti-Republic of South Africa campaign of British trade unionism, which is based on flagrant misrepresentation of conditions in South Africa."

Miss Dean said: "This is the first time that a delegation from Sogat has been banned from entering any country."

"This ban by the South African authorities removes the thin veil of democracy they try to draw over their activities."

Mr Conroy said: "It is clear that the South African government are not content just to stifle journalists and censor the truth in their own country."

Mr Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, also deplored the South African government's decision. "We have asked the British Government to intervene to bring home to the South African authorities that this spiteful denial of an opportunity for normal trade union contacts will rebound on them," he said.

BBC woman is dismissed after salute

A journalist working for the BBC in South Africa has been dismissed for singing the African national anthem and clenching her fist during a meeting to mourn the 177 miners killed at the Kimross gold mine disaster in the Transvaal (Michael Evans writes).

Mrs Sarah Crowe, aged 29, who lives in Johannesburg, had been employed as an editorial assistant for six months.

Her dismissal has caused an uproar among South African journalists who have accused the BBC of failing to understand the conditions under which they have to work.

Yesterday the BBC TV foreign editor, Mr John Mahoney, said: "We require those who work for us to be impartial in their judgement and certain things came to light which proved to me that she wasn't impartial."

World Chess Championship Contest worthy of greatest

From Raymond Keene, Leningrad The contest between Gary Kasparov and Anatoly Karpov has been one of the greatest sequences of multimatch games in the history of chess in its post-medieval form.

The 96 games played in three matches over two years have eclipsed such classics as McDonnell-Labourdonnaie, Steinitz-Lasker, Alekhine-Euwe and most recently, Botvinnik-Smyslov.

With Karpov aged 35 and Kasparov only 23, there is every likelihood that their battles may continue for several years. The threat to the older man will come from Andrei Sokolov, the brilliant Moscowite, just two weeks older than the champion, and Nigel Short, of Bolton in Lancashire.

The latter, at 21, is the West's only credible challenger in the foreseeable future. Mikhail Botvinnik, the grand old man of Soviet chess, who was champion with two short breaks from 1948 to 1963, recently accorded Short

a rare accolade: "The wooden pieces spring to life in young Nigel's hands."

For the first time since Soviet grandmasters began their domination of the championship in 1948, an all-Soviet match was played in part in a western capital.

The impact on chess of a high-profile match in a media centre such as London, has been immense. Sponsors and television companies have started to take an unprecedented interest. The worldwide coverage dwarfed even that of Fischer-Spassky in 1972, usually regarded as the pinnacle of global chess interest.

At the Park Lane Hotel in London, a backdrop credited every main sponsor for the British leg of the match.

In the Leningrad venue, in an unprecedented move for a chess championship, the Soviet organizers set up placards advertising a banking group in Finland and the 1990

Seattle games - both were sponsors.

A new commercial awareness is rife. Kasparov plans to market instructional video cassettes, set up week-wide franchises of the Botvinnik training school which handled his early chess education, and launch a world tour to promote chess. In the process the Soviet Union will be indirectly but tangibly marketed and promoted.

In Kasparov and Karpov the Soviet Union has two of its most prominent cultural and sporting ambassadors.

After 96 games, their result over three matches was staggeringly close. Kasparov is clearly stronger in terms of ideas and brilliance, but at London and Leningrad Karpov played intelligently to his own strengths. Only his inexplicable time-out for game 20 after three consecutive victories may have annihilated, finally, his chance of victory.

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# Bamber near tears as mother's 'darling Jem' letter is read

By Michael Horsnell

Jeremy Bamber showed the first sign of emotion since the start of his murder trial when a poignant farewell letter written by his mother in the event of her death was read to a court yesterday.

Mr Bamber, a farmer's son, aged 25, who denies murdering her and four other members of his family at their farmhouse last year, fought back tears and swallowed hard while he listened to the evidence.

The letter had been found three days after the murders at White House Farm in a drawer of valuable items which had been removed from her bedroom and taken home for safe keeping by Mr Basil Cock, executor of the estates of Mrs June Bamber and Mr Neville Bamber, both aged 61.

Mr Cock, chartered accountant to the family for 17 years, told Chelmsford Crown Court that when he examined it later he found it had already been opened.

Marked "Not to be opened until my death" the envelope was addressed to her husband and her sister, Mrs Pamela Boutford, and suggested small mementoes be left to grandchildren and others.

The message inside was addressed to her "darling" husband, daughter Sheila and Jem, the family nickname for Jeremy, who other witnesses have alleged hated his adoptive mother.

The message read: "My darlings. Should anything happen to me and I left you I write this to tell you of my love for you and thank you for all you have given me. All I ask is that God will love and protect you through the years ahead and that some day we may meet again. My love always, my darlings, Mums."

Mr Cock said that when he later handed the letter to Mr Bamber, who denies shooting

dead his adoptive parents, half sister, Mrs Sheila Caffell, and her twin sons aged six with a semi-automatic .22 rifle, he expressed the view that it had been written a considerable time ago.

But Mr Bamber told him he thought that because of one of the names on the envelope it was recent, and when he showed emotion Mr Cock left him to his private grief.

Earlier, during the seventh day of the trial, Mr James Richards, an Army officer who had once been a student friend of Mr Bamber's girl friend, Miss Julie Mugford, told the court of occasions when the defendant had expressed hatred for his parents.

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Mr Richards said: "I remember one occasion, in about the summer of 1985, when Bamber said 'I hate my parents'. I said 'Oh come off it, Jeremy, we all say that at some point of time' and he replied 'I do'."

"He said it with a great deal of vehemence and quite sincerely. He expressed that view two or three times."

Under cross-examination Mr Richards added: "It really did sound like hate."

Mr Cock told the jury that he provisionally put Mrs June Bamber's estate at £229,980 and Mr Neville Bamber's at £206,940.

Assets included property, one farm, a shared interest in another, and two caravan sites. Mrs Caffell, aged 27, a London model known as "Bambi" who originally was suspected by police of having committed the murders before shooting herself, had died intestate.

Mr Cock added that neither

of the deceased parents had indicated any intention to change the wills which, the prosecution has alleged, meant that Mr Bamber, in the event of his half sister's death, stood to inherit £436,000.

Mr Cock said that he had found £2,000 in cash at White House Farm, Tolleshunt D'Arcey, Essex.

He said that after the killings Mr Bamber decided that the insurance cover of £17,000 for the contents of the eighteenth century farmhouse was too low and had increased it to £150,000. Sotheby's had been brought in to evaluate it.

Det Sgt Neil Davidson, a scene of crimes officer, agreed with the trial judge, Mr Justice Drake, that from the moment he arrived at the scene early on August 7, 1985, the view of senior officers there was that Mrs Caffell had carried out the murders before committing suicide.

That, he agreed, had coloured his examination of White House Farm. He said that a hacksaw blade, which the prosecution alleges was used to open a downstairs bathroom window for Mr Bamber to gain entry, was discovered two months after the massacre immediately outside the room, and that on the window there were signs of forced entry.

Mr John Hayward, a scientist specializing in the distribution of bloodstains, showed the jury Mrs Caffell's bloodied turquoise night dress which he said indicated that she was initially shot in a reclining and not horizontal position.

Dr Peter Vanezis, who carried out the post-mortem examinations, told the jury that Mrs Caffell suffered two point blank gunshot wounds to the neck.

The trial continues on Monday.



Karen Hadaway, aged nine, and Nicola Fellowes, aged ten, whose fully-clothed bodies were found in a wooded part of Wild Park, Brighton, a few yards from their home yesterday. They had been missing since Thursday night, when they were last seen outside a sweet shop.

## Successes in drug battle 'distorted'

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

A change in tactics by police has given a false impression from statistics of the success of some forces against drug dealers, according to Release, which provides a drugs and legal advice and information service.

A survey of solicitors by Release suggests some forces have responded to the call to crack down on drug traffickers by charging drug-takers with trafficking where formerly the charge would have been possession.

In the October issue of *Druglink*, journal of the Institute for the Study of Drug Dependence, Jane Goodwin, director of Release, says trafficking prosecutions are being based on the "theoretical possibility that a small quantity of drugs can be divided again and sold in minute quantities."

"If the statistics are to be believed, she says, the police are having big successes in catching traffickers. But police continue to influence decisions concerning the prosecution of cases, despite the introduction of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act, where decisions on prosecuting were to be made by an independent authority.

In most cases, police remain responsible for drawing up charges at the conclusion of a criminal investigation. Police influence on charges at different levels of seriousness may mean the statistics for "major" trafficking convictions are inflated.

"In our experience, questionable decisions are made about the prosecution of certain offences, particularly possession with intent to supply, a trafficking offence subject to the same maximum penalties as actual supply.

Shored up by verbal admissions in police stations and police statements on drug use, these cases are often bitterly contested."

Police perceptions of "supplyable" quantities have changed recently, the article says. "In our research, we found some cities where defendants who might have been charged with simple possession of, say, one gram of heroin five years ago would, these days, be charged with a supplying offence."

"This despite the fact that purity levels of heroin are decreasing and the smoking of heroin (which needs more heroin than injecting for the same effect) is more common, so users may now possess less pure substances in larger quantities."

Under English law, the courts have a duty to examine the individual circumstances of the offender.

"On the basis of information received from defending solicitors, it seems the defendant's circumstances are often disregarded by courts dealing with drugs cases, in a manner that would not be acceptable in offences such as theft, or even offences involving violence."

## 'Blandford in cocaine users' den'

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

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## Jordanian 'claimed he could save lives'

Nezar Hindawi, the alleged Arab terrorist, said he could save the lives of future bombing targets to help himself after he was arrested, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Mr Hindawi, aged 32, a Jordanian journalist who denies using his girl friend as a human timebomb in an attempt to blow up an El Al jet with 375 people on board, also described in detail how he was recruited by Syria, it was alleged.

Det Sgt William Price, of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad, said he was told in an interview with Mr Hindawi that he had information which would save the lives of people in the UK and abroad, and asked if that would help him.

According to the officer, Mr Hindawi offered to trade "future plans concerning terrorist attacks in the UK and abroad."

"He said he had information that just outside London there was a secret place with TNT, detonators and timers. There was also a similar location in Brighton."

"He further stated that an Arab student in Sheffield, studying chemicals, knew the locations and addresses of these secret places."

Sgt Price added that Mr Hindawi told him a Syrian Arab airline crew was responsible for bringing in explosives, drugs and guns.

"He said they were based at the Royal Garden Hotel in London on stop-over visits, and that the crew comprised Syrian security officers."

Sgt Price said that in earlier interviews Mr Hindawi told him he was recruited in Syria by an international syndicate to smuggle drugs and had no idea that a bag carried by his Irish girl friend, Miss Ann Murphy, aged 32, as she went to board an El Al jet at Heathrow contained explosives.

But Mr Hindawi said he wanted to tell the truth, the detective said. Mr Hindawi allegedly told the officer that when he first came to London he became disillusioned with King Hussein's regime in Jordan and joined the Jordanian Revolutionary Movement for National Salvation.

According to Sgt Price, Mr Hindawi described how he went to Damascus to recruit other Jordanians for this new political group.

"He said he was stopped at Damascus by security men at the airport. He said he was questioned about his visit to Syria and his motives, and was then taken to see the head of all military intelligence."

"He said he was taken to a lavish room with electric doors. Inside there was a large box of cigars on the table. The man behind it greeted him."

Sgt Price alleged Mr Hindawi said he was introduced to two men, Mr Said and Mr A'Kour.

"He was taken to another place by Said who said he could be of help. They then discussed demands he would be making on them."

The trial was adjourned until Monday.

## Safety guide for building societies

Guidelines designed to prevent building societies from taking risks with investors' deposits are to be issued soon by the newly-formed Building Societies Commission.

In its first *Prudential Note*, the commission will specify the amount of reserve capital societies will need to protect customers' savings from the dangers the industry will face when regulations are relaxed on January 1.

The guidelines will arrive at a time when societies find themselves under growing pressure to tighten their lending procedures because of the recent increase in mortgage arrears and repossessions.

The commission, which came into being on September 25, is anxious to ensure that building societies do not jeopardize the security of investors' deposits when they are allowed to diversify into new financial services.

The commission's chairman, Mr Michael Bridgeman, said that while most societies have sufficient capital reserves for present market conditions, "many may not fully appreciate the greater risks they will face as a result of increased competition."

"Many building societies have increased their readiness to raise income multiples and provide 100 per cent mortgages without matching it with a strict appraisal of the ability of the borrower to pay."

"Declared arrears by societies are now on an upward trend, and the full extent of this change has been masked by the willingness of many societies to rephase payments on a mortgage if a borrower runs into difficulties."

## Heathrow park plan

Plans for a £100 million development on Green Belt land near Heathrow airport, which would include a new 200-acre public park, were submitted to Hounslow council yesterday.

The 250-acre site at

## New town by private developers

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

A £500 million project for a new town of 24,000 people north of Swindon, Wiltshire, which will be one of the largest private enterprise town expansion schemes in Europe, was announced yesterday by a group representing five building and development firms.

The Haydon Development Group, with Thamesdown Borough Council, the local authority for the Swindon area, owns most of the 1,500 acres of largely agricultural land on which the development would be built, and a planning application for the area was submitted yesterday.

A public inquiry will be held to examine the scheme, but planning permission should be granted by late next year or early 1988, with the 10-year programme of construction.

Plans for new towns of this size inevitably attract opposition, but the group believes that its scheme is "not unduly contentious". The land is not in the Green Belt, and is not high grade agricultural land. The developers believe the main arguments are likely to concern the scale and timing of the construction.

The main features of the proposals are 9,000 houses on 622 acres of land, with 174 acres of land for new industrial and commercial development, a new district centre to meet shopping and community needs, a leisure centre, and 355 acres of open space. It is believed that 3,000 jobs will be created for the period of construction, and that the development will lead to 4,000 permanent jobs.

Mr Paul Calvert, a director of Crest, one of the group, said the development provided for the long-term needs of Swindon, which has just seen job losses in the railway industry, and underwrote the town's future growth. The Haydon Development Group includes Bradley/ECC Construction, Costalans, Crest, McLeans/Tarmac and Prowings.

## BA share campaign takes off

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

British Airways has launched a multimillion pound advertising campaign to boost its image before offering its shares to the public early next year.

The campaign, which began last night with a prime time slot on television in the south of England, centres around scenes from London, Sydney and a fairytale castle in Bavaria. It is one of the most expensive ever mounted by a nationalized industry. But British Airways is refusing to put a precise cost on it.

All British Airways staff, including the normally volatile public relations department, has been ordered to keep silent about any aspect of the airline's business between now and privatization.

Notices have appeared in the staff magazine telling all staff: "Warning: Talking can damage our wealth."

The notice goes on to say: "Nobody in British Airways regardless of job or position, may say anything in public which could affect a potential investor's decision to buy or not to buy our shares."

But the warning does not extend to the advertisements which are clearly designed to give the best possible picture of what they call "Britain's highest flying company."

The television campaign will be extended nationwide.

## Brakes on death crash lorry are now banned

The braking system on a 32-ton articulated lorry that knocked down and killed three little girls is now banned, it was disclosed yesterday.

Lianne Berry, aged seven, Sadie Wilkins, aged nine, and Marie Stone, aged 10, all from Maidstone in Kent, died when the lorry driven by Mr Eric Nicholl hit a group of mothers and children as they left All Saints primary school in Hayle Road, Maidstone, on May 20.

Today their parents sobbed as the inquest jury of four men and four women at Maidstone delivered verdicts of accidental death.

Mr Nicholl, aged 32, of Staplestead Road, Boughton, near Faversham, Kent, expressed his deep personal regret.

A Department of Transport vehicle examiner, Mr Maurice Eton, said that articulated lorries fitted with similar braking systems would now fail the MOT roadworthiness test.

## Handsworth riots four are jailed

Four Birmingham men were jailed yesterday for planning to manufacture and use petrol bombs during last year's Handsworth riots.

During the four-week trial, a jury at Birmingham Crown Court was told that police and firemen were attacked with petrol bombs.

It was alleged that a drinking club, Tramps, was used as a bomb-making factory.

Whitfield Francis, aged 27, of Aston, was jailed for five years for the bomb charges, for attempted arson and for attempting to harm a police officer.

Two other men, Benito Forbes, aged 28, of Aston, who was also found guilty of attempted arson, and Mark Walker, aged 25, of Lee Bank, were each given four-year sentences.

The fourth man, John Lindo, aged 18, of Aston, was sent to youth custody for three years.

The owner of Tramps, Donald Patterson, aged 35, of Handsworth, was jailed for five months for assisting the accused after he removed evidence of the bombs from the club.

William Barrett, aged 32, of Highgate, and Calvin Walters, 25, of Handsworth, and Patterson were cleared of possessing petrol bombs.

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## Limited supply of Aids drug for trial

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Supplies of the experimental drug AZT are only sufficient for trials on fewer than 500 Aids patient throughout Europe, the Wellcome pharmaceutical company said yesterday.

Demand has followed tests in the United States, which showed that the disease may be slowed, but not cured, by some less advanced cases, by the drug which was made on a laboratory scale by Wellcome's subsidiary.

The drug does not clear the virus from cells infected before treatment, but in a number of cases it has slowed the spread of the infection.

In tests involving 12 special Aids clinics in the United

States, a group of 145 patients were given AZT. Their progress was compared with 135 other individuals at a similar stage of illness.

So far, only one person has died among the treated group and 16 among the others. On average, those receiving AZT treatment are in better general condition.

The first British research trials at St Mary's and Middlesex Hospitals, in London, involve 12 patients.

The treatment is being tried only for patients with certain Aids-related infections, in particular a pneumonia called pneumocystis carinii, under a special clinical trial exception licence which the Committee

on Safety of Medicines provides for unproven compounds.

The company said the production process in the United States was being "scaled up". It would take a few months and also depended on the supplies of one of the raw materials.

A new vaccine that could prevent the spread of Aids is to be tested on a group of 40 human volunteers at the Institute for Immunological Disorders of Houston, Texas, the world's first hospital devoted to Aids research (Keith Hindley writes).

The treatment has proved effective in laboratory tests by

generating antibodies to the virus believed to be at the root of Aids. All volunteers for the trials must show no sign of exposure to the virus but be members of high-risk groups including former drug abusers or homosexuals. The treatment will not help anyone who already has Aids but if effective it could help slow or prevent the global spread of the disease which has been predicted for the turn of the century.

The project carries considerable risks for the participants and will have to be monitored for some years before any realistic results are likely to emerge.



CONSERVATIVE PARTY CONFERENCE

Leader's speech • Currie comments • Tebbit onslaught

Sweet and sour verdicts by Currie

By Nicholas Wood Political Reporter

Mrs Edwina Currie, the newly appointed junior health minister with a taste for living dangerously, was at the centre of a new rumour with her party last night after blithely marking the conference cards of some of her Cabinet letters in a television interview.

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, came bottom of the class for his performance in the law debate.

Mrs Currie, ignoring the convention that ministers do not criticise each other in public, said that he had failed to absorb the lesson that presentation is as important as policy.

"Douglas had some very good policies... It did not put across in a slightly spicier, and perhaps more aggressive, way", she said.

But she was happy to speak well of her master at the Department of Health and Social Security, saying that Mr Norman Fowler had made the "speech of the conference".

Mr George Younger, the Secretary of State for Defence, was judged "very effective", but there was a sweet and sour verdict on Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science.

He had picked up the mood of the conference "very well", but he was not just yet a serious contender for the leadership of the party.

Mrs Currie explained: "He's only just entered Cabinet and the years of experience showed more in someone like Norman Fowler".

The quick-fire minister's verdicts raised the eyebrows rather than the ire of her colleagues, though one Tory MP, Mr Richard Holt (Langhambury) caught up in the shock wave of last week's outburst over the fattening tendency among northerners, again demanded her resignation.

Mrs Currie was appearing on a BBC conference commentary programme with Sir Marcus Fox, a vice-chairman of the Conservative backbenchers' 1922 Committee.

He ribbed her about her advice to northerners last week to give up crisps and beer.

"She's got a big husband, but if she'd been to the Yorkshire reception last night, he wouldn't have been able to protect her."

He added: "I adore Edwina because she's good value... but we northerners are sensitive people. We don't like being lectured."

Thatcher crusade for popular capitalism

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, in her speech to the Conservative Party conference in Bournemouth yesterday, said it had been a responsible conference, the conference of a party that was the last Government, and would be the next Government.

They had heard from ministers' forward-looking policies that were shaping the future of the country.

"We are a party which knows what it stands for and what it seeks to achieve. We are a party which honours the past that we may build for the future," she said.

Last week Labour had made the bogus claim that it was putting the people first.

Yet Labour had voted to remove the right to a secret ballot before a strike; voted to remove the right of trade union members to take their

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union to court; voted for the State to renationalize British Telecom and British Gas, regardless of the millions of people who had been able to own shares for the first time in their lives.

She said: "What the Labour Party of today wants is: housing nationalized; the police service politicized; the judiciary radicalized; union membership tyrannized; and, above all, and most serious of all, our defence neutralized. Never. Not in Britain."

Turning to the Alliance, she said where they were not divided they were vague and where they were not vague they were divided.

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"Enlarging choice is rooted in our Conservative tradition. Without choice, talk of morality is an idle and empty thing," she said.

The Government had achieved much in seven years, but there was still a great deal to do.

The whole industrial world was seeing change at a speed that their forebears never contemplated. Traditional jobs were being taken over by computers. People were choosing to spend their money in new ways.

It would be foolish to pretend that the transition course be accomplished without problems. But it would be equally foolish to pretend that Britain could ignore what was happening in the world.

Yet that was exactly what Labour proposed to do. They wanted to put the clock back and set the country back.

They wanted to go back to state direction and control, to over-manning, old inefficiency and to making life difficult for the wealth creators, the scientists, the engineers, the designers, the managers, the inventors — all those on whom the country relied to create the industries and jobs for the future. What supreme folly. It defied all common sense.

Thousands would lose their jobs from the closure of American bases. Sanctions against South Africa would cost thousands of jobs in Britain, apart from the devastating consequences for black South Africans.

Out would go jobs in nuclear power stations and, on top of all that, jobs would suffer as would-be investors set up elsewhere.

"Labour say they would create jobs. But those policies would destroy jobs," she said.

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shareholders already and there would soon be opportunities for millions more in British Gas, British Airways, British Airports and Rolls-Royce.

"Who says we have run out of steam? We are in our prime (cheers and applause)."

"Popular capitalism is nothing less than a crusade to democratise the many in the economic life of the nation. We Conservatives are returning power to the people. That is the way to one nation, one people" (applause).

There were many people who could not bear good news. It was sort of infection of the spirit, and there was a lot of it about (laughter).

In the eyes of those hand-wringing merchants of gloom and despondency, everything that Britain did was wrong.

Their favourite word was crisis. It was a crisis when the price of oil went up and when it came down; if they did not build new roads, and when they did. It was a crisis if Nissan did not come to Britain, and when it did.

"It's being so cheerful as keeps 'em going (laughter)."

"What a rotten time these people must have, running round running everything down, especially when there is so much to be proud of."

The Prime Minister then listed some of the achievements: inflation at its lowest for 20 years; basic tax rate lowest for 40 years; number of strikes the lowest for 50 years; great advances in science and industry; new enterprises and jobs created; the outstanding performance of the arts, music and entertainment worlds; the triumphs of sportsmen and women.

All did Britain proud. "And we are mighty proud of them."

The Conservatives' opponents, having lost the political argument, tried another tack: tried to convey the impression that Conservatives did not care.

Those who made the charge were those who supported and maintained Mr Arthur Scargill's strike for a whole year, hoping to deprive industry,

Conservatives believe in popular capitalism. And it works

homes and pensioners of power, heat and light.

They were the ones who supported the National Health Service strike.

"We are not going to take any lessons in caring from people with that sort of record. We care profoundly about the right of people to be protected against crime, hooliganism and the evil of drugs."

"The mugger, the rapist, the drug trafficker, must all suffer the full rigour of the law" (cheers).



Mr Tebbit addressing the Conservative representatives yesterday (Photograph: Tim Bishop)

That was why the party and the Government consistently backed the police and the courts in Britain and Northern Ireland, for without the rule of law there could be no liberty.

It was because they cared deeply about the health service that they had launched the biggest hospital building programme in the country's history.

The Government's record on the health service was a fine one. They were proud of it and must see that people knew how much they had done.

They cared deeply that retired people should never again see their hard-earned savings decimated by runaway inflation.

The pensioner who retired in 1963 with £1,000 of savings found 20 years later that it was worth only £160. That was why they would never relent in the battle against inflation, which had to be fought and won every year.

Conservatives cared passionately about the education

of their children. Time and again they heard three basic messages: bring back the three Rs into the schools; bring back relevance into the curriculum; bring back discipline into the classrooms.

Money by itself would not solve the problem because money would not raise standards.

But, by giving parents greater freedom to choose, by allowing head teachers greater control in their school, by laying down national standards of syllabus and attainment, she was confident that they could improve the quality of education in every school in the land.

Most of all, Conservatives cared about the country's security. The defence of the realm transcended all other issues.

For 40 years every government of Britain of every political persuasion had understood the need for strong defences by maintaining and modernizing Britain's in-

dependent nuclear deterrent, by membership of the Nato alliance — an alliance based on nuclear deterrence — and by accepting and bearing in full the obligations which membership brought. All this had been common ground.

But last week the Labour Party had abandoned that ground.

In a decision of the utmost gravity, Labour voted to give up Britain's independent nuclear deterrent unilaterally.

Labour would also require the United States to remove its nuclear weapons from Britain and to close its nuclear base, although those were vital not only for Britain's defence but also for the defence of the entire Atlantic Alliance.

"A Labour Britain would be a neutralist Britain. It would be the greatest gain for the

Party Policy

'Disloyal' officials attacked by Tebbit

The leaking to the press of a confidential letter from the former British Ambassador in Saudi Arabia brought a sharp attack by Mr Norman Tebbit on a "tiny minority of disloyal officials who steal government papers and pass them to newspapers for sheer partisan advantage."

Mr Tebbit, chairman of the Party, was replying to a debate on party policy and public relations.

He said: "There are always newspapers, such as the Mirror, prepared to publish confidential material they know will be harmful to the national interest out of spite."

He expressed the hope that British Aerospace workers whose jobs might be put at risk by the efforts of the Daily Mirror to fix ill feeling between Saudi Arabia and Britain would tell the Mirror what they thought.

He told the party of a successful mail campaign to win support and new members and said this had been a great conference. The radicalism of the progressive right had been harnessed to answer the deep social concerns of the traditionalists and consolidators.

There was a contrast with other parties. The Alliance had fallen apart while Labour had fled the centre ground, rushing back to state, outdated socialism, smashing even the 40-year consensus on defence.

Young Mr Khanok was to visit Berlin next week. He was not sure whether he would be most welcome in the West or East of the city, but he hoped he would visit the vile wall, built to keep Germans from escaping socialism and going to freedom in the West, and see the crosses marking the places where East German guards had shot down would-be escapees.

"I hope he will tell Berlings whether he is there to stand for socialism or for free capitalism... I hope they tell him a thing or two."

There was suddenly nowhere for the patriotic Labour voter to go except "to come with us" (applause).

The Opposition had not left the scene and now was their chance to drive socialism off the field and secure the high ground of politics for decades to come. "We are on the march; they are on the run."

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Correction

In the economics debate Mr John Duffy should have been reported yesterday as saying that the fight against inflation, not unemployment, had been won.

Reports by Robert Morgan, John Winder, Howard Underwood, Derek Barnett and Peter Mulligan

£250m for new courts

Hailsham speeds up trials as crime rate keeps rising

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A £250 million building programme for 270 new courts in England and Wales by the mid-1990s was outlined by Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, yesterday.

The importance of bringing cases to trial speedily could not be overstated, he said. "Justice delayed is justice denied, denied to the prosecution no less than the defence."

The Government is taking a number of measures to tackle the rise in criminal cases. It is expected to include proposals in its Criminal Justice Bill to abolish the right to choose jury trial for some offences, and to raise to £2,000 the threshold for criminal damage cases which can go to the crown court.

The new crown prosecution service is also expected to weed out weak cases which will no longer go to the crown court.

Lord Hailsham said the number of circuit judges had been increased from 315 to 385; and on top of a £130 million court building programme, which has replaced or built 140 courtrooms, there would be another 270 in the next 10 years at a cost of £250 million.

Lord Hailsham, speaking at the opening of a new £3 million crown court in Isleworth, west London, said that one reason was the rise in



Lord Hailsham arriving to open the new court complex at west London yesterday (Photograph: Bill Warhurst)

'No violence' involved in police station death

A pathologist told an inquest at Westminster coroners' court yesterday that no violence had been involved in the death of a West Indian at Kensington police station last Wednesday.

Two further post-mortem examinations are to be carried out on the man.

Dr Iain West, the pathologist, said that Mr Calphus Anthony Leonard, aged 36, a engineer, of Haskell House, Stonebridge Park estate, Stonebridge, north-west London, had died from "inhalation of vomit".

He said that the physical sides of his examination was complete but he was carrying

Detective admits he called man 'an animal'

A detective investigating the rape of a girl during the Brixton riots agreed yesterday that he described a 4in suspect as "a big animal".

Det Sgt David Bowen told the jury at the Central Criminal Court: "I got upset at one stage when the man suggested the victim consented to sex."

He added: "I urged him to tell the truth and spare the girl from the ordeal of coming to court to give evidence. He admitted that he had raped her."

The officer denied that statements of confession made by the man, aged 23, had been fabricated. He also denied a suggestion that he

£13,000 for family after death of baby

A baby's death from broncho-pneumonia in her family's damp maisonette led to a council paying agreed damages of £13,000 with costs yesterday.

Sarah Finch died in her mother's arms with her father, Kevin, and her brother, Richard, in the room, their counsel Mr Richard Clegg, QC, said in the High Court in Manchester.

A doctor later told an inquest that appalling housing conditions probably contributed to the death in December 1982 of the baby, aged four months.

Mr Clegg said for three and three quarters years Mr Finch and his wife, June, both aged 28, had frequently complained about water getting into the ground and first floor levels at their home but nothing was done.

"A month after the sad death the family was rehoused. They left a soggy maisonette but, of course, it was too late for baby Sarah," Mr Clegg said.

The claim was for a breach of covenant to repair the council house at Westdale Road, Newall Green, Manchester, and the replacement of carpets and fittings in the freezing, mould-hit property.

The general damages were for the discomfort and inconvenience caused to the couple and their other children and psychological shock after Sarah's death, which badly affected the father.

The defendants, Manchester City Council, had offered a global sum of £13,000 of which the father would receive £3,135 and his wife £2,090. Richard, now aged eight, will get a similar sum while Kevin, aged nine, and Jane, aged 10, receive £1,045 each.

Ferry charge

A Belgian, aged 17, accused of stealing the £15,000 Polruan to Fowey ferry boat and a dinghy, was remanded in custody by magistrates at Liskeard, Cornwall, yesterday. He will appear in court again next Wednesday.

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Slow progress on EEC market

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The Government was fully committed to the completion of the European internal market because of the benefits it would have for both industry and consumers, interests in the United Kingdom, Lord Lucas of Chilworth, Under Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said during a debate in the House of Lords on a series of European Communities Committee reports dealing with consumer protection, food stuffs, completion of the internal market and other matters.

The Government would do everything possible to ensure the momentum and, if possible, acceleration, of progress was maintained, he said, as one of the major objectives of the British Presidency of the EEC. Together with the previous presidential countries, Holland and Belgium, the United Kingdom had developed an action programme listing 150 measures for consideration by the middle of next year.

Lord Seebom (Ind), chairman of the Select Committee which studied the European Commission's report on these issues, said progress towards the internal market was already way behind schedule.

A timetable of action had been drawn up to produce a single European market by 1992, with a list of 300 instruments to be adopted for the target to be achieved.

Only 27 of the 61 measures planned to be passed by the end of 1985, had so far been adopted. The biggest delays had, not surprisingly, been in agriculture.

Lady Serota (Lab) said an internal market could not be a success until there were sound, modern safety standards for consumer goods.

Lord Deansing, former Master of the Rolls, said with decisions made in Brussels it would be difficult for representatives of the United Kingdom to say "No", but he made a plea to them to stand up for Britain.

Do not give way to these chaps too easily (he said). Bring them round to our way of thinking. I hope the voice of England and of Parliament will be made known to the ministers going over to Brussels to vote on these directives.

Warship design team

The chairman to head the inquiry team into the short-fat versus conventional warship design, will be announced shortly, Lord Trefgarne, Minister of State for Defence Procurement, said during question time in the House of Lords.

The new appointment follows the resignation of the previous chairman, Professor Caldwell, in July.

Lord Kennet (SDP) said that if there was difficulty in finding an uncommitted naval or hydrodynamic engineer, the Government should consider an expert in aerodynamics as there was an affinity between the behaviour of air and water.

Lord Trefgarne said the suggestion would be considered.

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Lord Hunt, a former chairman of the Parole Board, not Lord Grimond as reported on Friday, said in the Lords on Thursday that he regarded the Anderson case as a major failure of the parole system. He added that such cases were rare in relation to the wide operation of the scheme and the long period during which it had been successfully operated.







# White House pursued by Congress on link with fatal arms flight

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The White House was under intense congressional pressure last night to clarify its possible involvement in the flight of an arms-carrying cargo plane over Nicaragua, which was shot down by Sandinista troops on Sunday, killing two of three Americans aboard.

Senator David Durenberger, chairman of the Senate select committee on intelligence, challenged the Administration to acknowledge what he said was its role in the flight. "I assume someone in the US Government knows something about this, and the sooner they speak up the better," he said.

The CIA took the unusual step of publicly denying any involvement. Under a 1984 law the agency may share intelligence with the Contras but must not train, arm, equip, advise or direct their activity. That restraint, however, is about to be lifted under a new law — the same law that will soon release \$100 million (£70 million) of military and non-military aid to the rebels.

Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, said yesterday

that he had been told by the CIA "flatly" that it had no connection with the operation.

Both Mr Shultz and Mr Elliott Abrams, Assistant Secretary of State for Latin America, strenuously rejected a televised statement read in Managua by Mr Eugene Hasenfus, the sole American survivor of the supply plane, saying he had been part of an extensive air resupply operation for the Contras run from a Salvadorean Air Force base by CIA employees.

Mr Abrams said: "The CIA is asked to report on events in Central America, and among things they report on to us is that they do not directly or indirectly, wink or nod, or steer people. It's illegal."

Despite the denials there remains deep suspicion in Capitol Hill that the Administration at least knew what was going on and sanctioned the supply operations. The cargo plane was under contract to people as yet unidentified — people who have been raising money for the Contras.

Retired Major-General John Singlaub, who runs the Council for World Freedom, the biggest of the pro-Contra private fund-raising groups in America, denied any involvement.

"There is a large group of unemployed or underemployed pilots who have airplanes, who are vying with one another, bidding for the flying jobs that exist in Central America," he said. "Some of them haul fresh vegetables from Guatemala to the United States. The same airplane that last week was hauling cantaloupes may be hauling bullets next week."

Certainly, it is well known in Washington that a kind of informal brotherhood of Vietnam war veterans exists in Central America, mostly engaged in covertly transporting goods to the Contras.

Mr Hasenfus said he had been hired by a company called Corporate Air Services, based out of Southern Air Transport, an air cargo firm in Miami. It was owned by the CIA between 1960 and 1973 and used mostly for work in south-east Asia. The CIA sold it in 1973 but undoubtedly maintained a close link.

## 'CIA supply routes' exposed

From Alan Tomlinson, Managua

Details of CIA methods used to supply Nicaragua's Contras have emerged as more information about the incident last Sunday, when a plane was shot down while delivering arms, have been revealed.

The American captured after parachuting from the plane, Mr Eugene Hasenfus, said he made 10 supply flights to the rebels from an airstrip built by US troops in Honduras and from an Air Force base in El Salvador where the CIA operation was based.

Captain Ricardo Wheelock, the Nicaraguan military intelligence chief, said this was "solid proof" of the participation of the CIA and the United States Government in the affair. The CIA and the Reagan Administration have emphatically denied any connection, saying Mr Hasenfus fled under duress from his captors.

He said he was recruited in June by Mr William Cooper, the co-pilot of the downed plane who died in the wreckage with pilot Wallace Sawyer Jr, both Americans. Working for Corporate Air Services, through its Miami subsidiary, Southern Air Transport, they flew arms and ammunition to the Contras in Nicaragua from Aguateca in Honduras and from Ilopango Air Force base in El Salvador.



Mr Eugene Hasenfus, the American who was captured in Nicaragua on Sunday, with his wife, Sally, in Managua.

## Weinberger may adjust Delhi's Eastern tilt

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

A month before Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, makes a much-heralded state visit to India, Delhi today reinforces its non-aligned status in welcoming Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary.

It will be the first visit to India by an American defence secretary and signals a distinct change of attitude by the Government of Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister.

It is 20 years since American hardware appeared in India's defence armoury, the refusal of the United States to resupply arms during the war with Pakistan having caused much bitterness here.

But American technical superiority in many fields is encouraging Mr Gandhi to make a slight correction to the country's otherwise pro-Soviet tilt.

Though much significance is being placed on the visit by both Washington and Delhi, the Indian administration is not going out of its way to make a huge fuss of Mr Weinberger. After meeting him tonight Mr Gandhi, who is also Defence Minister, is leaving tomorrow night for Indonesia and Australia.

Discussions with Mr Weinberger and the large company of officials flying with him will be led instead by the Minister of State in the Defence Ministry, Mr Arun Singh.

The Americans appear to have won the race to provide India's Light Combat Aircraft project with engine technology, and India has issued a letter of intent to buy the

General Electric 404 engine for a handful of prototypes. Britain offered the Rolls-Royce RB199 for the project, and though not finally ruled out it seems to have lost this particular prize. A French and Russian engine are also rans as well.

The US is keen to provide avionics systems for the LCA project and has approved a licence for export of the technical data associated with the Northrop F20 fighter.

The Indians are interested in acquiring tracking and telemetry equipment for a new rocket range to be set up in Orissa.

Round-table talks with Mr Singh, the three service chiefs and the Ministry's chief scientific adviser, Dr V.S. Arunachalam, begin on Tuesday. The American party will have their ears bent a good deal on the subject of US arms sales to Pakistan.

The point will be made with some emphasis that it is no good complaining at World Bank and international development meetings about the amount of resources being diverted to defence spending, when it is America's own action in supplying advanced arms in the region that is responsible for the diversion.

It is evident this time, however, that the Americans are prepared to listen with care to India's point of view.

Mr Weinberger and his party, which includes the top officials who deal with Pakistan's armament supply, leave for Islamabad on Tuesday.

## Weather halts base trip

From Robert Gieves, Peking

Bad weather forced the cancellation of a visit by Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, to China's premier satellite launching base yesterday.

The base is near Xichang, in Sichuan province. Western Union, the American communications company, has signed an agreement with China's Great Wall Industry Corporation, a subsidiary of the Ministry of Astronautics, to have a satellite launched at the site by 1988.

In the past year companies from 10 countries, among

## Danes plan to cut refugee inflow by half

From Christopher Follett, Copenhagen

Denmark's Conservative-led Government yesterday tabled new legislation in Parliament cutting the present inflow of mainly stateless Palestinian and Tamil refugees into Denmark by half by stopping them at the border.

The legislation requires asylum seekers to Denmark to have valid passports and special visas. About 3,000 refugees entered last month.

Then it was on to Mzimhlophe "transit camp", a settlement of brick huts with no internal toilets or water taps, where many of the inhabitants have been waiting for a decade for proper housing.

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United Nations

## Second term for UN chief

From Zoriana Pysarivsky, New York

Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar was yesterday elected to serve a second five-year term as Secretary-General of the United Nations at a time when the organization faces bankruptcy and a deep crisis of confidence.

Many believe he will need to summon all the skills which make up the trade of diplomacy, and then some, if the UN is to survive.

His agreement to carry on marks an end to a difficult candidacy which left the UN membership in constant doubt over his intentions.

An expressed desire to retire and keep to the promise that he was a one-term secretary-general was met with displeasure when reporters took him at his word.

For the five permanent members of the Security Council — Britain, France, China, the United States and the Soviet Union — who are uncomfortable with the very idea of change, five more years of Señor Pérez de Cuéllar are welcome. His discreet style of diplomacy is well regarded by the five.

Señor Pérez de Cuéllar's decision not to run in the strictest sense for a second term, but to make fairly certain that the Council would draft him, speaks volumes of his aversion to anything smacking of politics.

Yet many believe his quintessentially diplomatic approach to international problems, devoid of any risk-taking or grand gestures, with the exception of his arbitration of the Rainbow Warrior dispute

between France and New Zealand — where the two parties simply chose to use him to save their faces — has stood in the way of a concrete success.

While there is no denying that the Secretary-General is a supreme diplomatic technician, able to come up with brilliant blueprints and work out intricate formulas for solving the most intractable disputes, he is faulted for lacking the political drive that is often necessary to give negotiations that final push. As one diplomat put it: "He is no good at knocking heads."

As a result, his first term in office included a catalogue of conflicts that were almost resolved. They include the Falklands conflict in 1982, which provided him with a baptism of fire, and the Cyprus dispute, which came within an inch of a breakthrough in January 1985.

Some observers believe he too readily took no for an answer from Argentina and the Greek Cypriots respectively and failed to take advantage of their weaknesses as any good politician might.

Many observers believe the secretary-general may well preside over the collapse of the United Nations during his second term.

Despite his contention that he would not administer an insolvent organization, he has accepted a second term without a firm commitment from President Reagan that the US would end its debilitating policy of withholding funds.

The financial crisis has prompted an urgent attempt at reform which may save the organization, but the seriousness of the situation is underscored by reports that the UN Development Programme has drawn up contingency plans to continue functioning should the UN political institutions collapse.

Admirers of the secretary-general say he has steered the UN from its image as a rabid anti-Western forum, carried away with delusions of self-importance. They claim his judicious approach to disputes has prompted an acceptance of the UN's limitations and inspired a resourcefulness to work around them.

They point out that his greatest achievement has been to retain the trust of all the antagonists who have accepted his good offices.

Señor Pérez de Cuéllar, who was 67 in January, prefers to conduct diplomacy at a steady pace. He is approaching the office of secretary-general with new vigour after heart bypass surgery in July, but there are no signs that his new term will witness any surprises.



Three airline seats are a perfect fit for two Japanese sumo wrestlers. The heavyweight athletes are sitting on the plane that brought them to France to compete in the Great Paris Sumo Tournament.

## Steel sees transit camp 'hell'

From Michael Hornsby, Soweto

Mr David Steel, the leader of the Liberal Party, yesterday made the foreign visitor's ritual pilgrimage to Soweto, Johannesburg's black dormitory township, to see how the other four-fifths of the inhabitants of Africa's wealthiest city live.

It was a whistle-stop, 90-minute tour, in a convoy of cars, with Mr Peter Soal, the Progressive Federal Party's (PFF) MP for Johannesburg North, and two black journalists as guides. The PFF, the official Opposition in the House of Assembly, has links with the Liberals through Liberal International.

Mr Steel saw a fair cross-section of life in Soweto. His caravan passed first through the up-market Dube district, with its bungalows set in neatly-kept gardens. Children bounced on a trampoline on an open patch of ground, and a game was in progress on a well-watered bowling green.

Then the convoy swung through the poor Meadowlands district. No gardens here; just grim little brick boxes with piles of uncollected garbage.

Mr Steel stopped at the Mofolo squatter camp, a huddle of several hundred corrugated-iron shacks where about 2,500 people have been allowed to settle over the past year or so by Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, the mayor of Soweto, while they wait for more permanent housing.

Mr Tshabalala has been criticized for exploiting the squatters' predicament by exacting rent from them, but several of the shack dwellers Mr Steel spoke to said they were grateful that they had anywhere to live.

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## Camp siege looms in south Lebanon

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

The slums of the Rashidieh Palestinian camp, besieged by the Israelis in two invasions, now seem set to endure a third encirclement — by Shia Muslim Amal militia-men supported by Syria.

The camp, south of the city of Tyre and only 12 miles from the Israeli border, was the scene of further sniping yesterday as Mr Yasser Arafat's PLO defenders refused to hand over their weapons to Amal officials.

Just a day after Mr Arafat had asserted that he had sent further guerrillas to defend the Palestinian camps in Lebanon "until death", talks between the PLO in Rasidiyah and Amal leaders broke down after a long dispute over the number of weapons in the camp.

Amal contends — with considerable veracity — that the Palestinians have hundreds of automatic rifles there, but in the early hours yesterday the PLO offered what they said was their total armament: 30 AK47 rifles, one rocket-propelled grenade and one Dunschke self-loading rifle.

Amal's representatives walked out. Nor is there much that the Syrian Army officers, sent south as ceasefire "observers", can do as yet another "camp war" starts in Lebanon, this time perilously close to the Israeli frontier.

The Palestinians receive help from the Hezbollah "Party of God", which is itself opposed to Amal. So the makings of another long siege are under way in the south.

For weeks now, Palestinian sources in the area have been reporting that Mr Arafat has sent millions of dollars to the Sidon bank accounts of leading PLO officials to recapture

the loyalties of Palestinians who might otherwise be tempted to align themselves with pro-Syrian PLO factions.

The guerrilla presence outside Sidon is steadily increasing, to the consternation of the Lebanese Sunni population of the city. Ein Helwe and Mieh Mieh camps on the edge of Sidon now contain almost as many Palestinian guerrillas as they did when the Israelis invaded Lebanon in 1982.

Syrian agents in plain clothes were in discussion with Palestinian officials in Sidon yesterday afternoon, while their only officer in Tyre, a Major Ouhman, waited for news of another truce.

About 8,000 Palestinian guerrillas were evacuated from Beirut in 1982. Mr Salah Khalaf, head of the PLO's "security" section in Tunis, claims that 90 per cent of them have returned to Lebanon. This is almost certainly untrue, but there can be no doubting that there has been a large influx of PLO guerrillas here in the past six months.

In east Beirut yesterday there were further — but apparently incorrect — reports of the discovery of corpses of Christian militiamen who invaded the Christian sector last month in an attempt to depose Mr Samir Geagea, the Phalangist leader.

An account of a mass grave containing 21 dead Christian gunmen, all shot in the neck, seems to have no foundation, although there are further reports that eye-witnesses have seen bodies weighted with concrete being dropped into the sea off Jounieh.

More than 60 of Mr Elie Hobeika's Christian rebels have disappeared in east Beirut. At least 21 have been found shot dead.

## Drugs pact announced

From A Correspondent, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

US and Mexican delegates here at the 13-nation conference of attorneys-general from North, South and Central American countries appeared to be pushing for a multi-lateral drive to cut off funds to the drug trade.

The US Attorney-General, Mr Edwin Meese, revealed in a discreet press conference that the US and Mexico will sign a legal assistance treaty this year.

President de la Madrid of Mexico and Señor Garcia Ramirez, the Mexican Attorney-General, in veiled references, appeared to rebuff US-based stories that suggest the president's cousin, Eduardo de la Madrid, and Mexico's Defence Minister, Juan Arevalo Gardoqui were involved in drug trafficking.

TEGUCIGALPA: Honduran authorities said they had captured an aircraft loaded with more than £700,000 of cocaine, but not a Belgian MP, is not significant enough to cause a coalition crisis.

Last week's decision by the Council of State confirming the dismissal of Mr Happart as mayor of the Fournons raised tempers to boiling point.

Mr Happart, who is anti-Flemish and refuses to admit he understands Dutch (although he does), has succeeded in re-igniting a language row which is beginning to resemble the bitter and violent language disputes of earlier decades.

Mr Charles Ferdinand Nothomb, the Interior Minister, who comes from the French-speaking Christian Social party, angered Flemish parties by challenging Mr Happart's dismissal and having the case referred to the Supreme Court.

## Martens in jeopardy over language row

From Richard Owen, Brussels

Flemish politicians and newspapers yesterday warned Mr Wilfried Martens, the Prime Minister of Belgium, that his fragile coalition government faces a political crisis over the language conflict between the Dutch and French-speaking populations.

The row could lead to the fall of Mr Martens, Belgium's longest serving post-war prime minister. The crisis came to a head on Thursday when Mr José Happart, the sacked mayor of a French-speaking region who refuses to speak Dutch (or Flemish), was involved in a fight in the Belgian national Parliament in Brussels.

Mr Martens, a Flemish-speaking Christian Democrat who heads a Centre Right coalition, has consistently maintained that Mr Happart, a farmer and Euro-MP and until recently a local mayor,

## Charges filed against Nazi trial jurists

From John England, Bonn

Three judges and two prosecutors at a Nazi war crimes trial at Bochum are soon to face charges of fiddling their expenses.

They are alleged to have put in £12,280 of false claims for trips to gather evidence in a case against a former SS sergeant who was jailed for three years in January 1985 for helping to murder Jews in a Polish ghetto.

## Freed captive complains of sexual abuse

Zamboanga, Philippines

Reuter) — A Swiss tourist freed yesterday by Muslim captors after being held for almost three months said he had been badly treated and sexually abused.

Mr Hans Kunzli, aged 45, from Zurich, was brought to Zamboanga City from the island of Sakul and taken to hospital in a state of shock.

Mr Kunzli was kidnapped by a faction of the separatist Moro National Liberation Front.

## 200 drown

Dhaka — More than 200 people were drowned when an overcrowded ferry capsized on the River Kalia in western Bangladesh.

## Clean grain

Washington (Reuter) — The US Congress, responding to concerns that American grain is of inferior quality, adopted a measure that would bar addition of foreign material or rubbish to shipments.

## Pride as Peres resigns

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Punctual to the minute, Mr Shimon Peres arrived at 11 yesterday morning to hand in his government's resignation to Mr Chaim Herzog. It was, he said later, a proud moment which strengthened Israeli democracy.

It took just 25 minutes to comply with the Rotshon Agreement which brought him to power 25 months ago and to receive the President's thanks "in the name of the nation... for the great achievements he brought the country in this difficult period".

If the President's obligatory consultations go as well as expected with the leaders of 15 of Israel's 16 parliamentary parties, the new Government of Mr Yitzhak Shamir, including Mr Peres as Foreign Minister, will be ready for approval by the Knesset next Tuesday.

Mr Peres said he estimated his resignation would augment the trust in Israel's regime. With an eye to the many critics who have said his word can never be trusted, he added: "I think that a person such as myself must in the first place have a regard for the good of the country, its needs and requirements and in general a democratic regime is founded on trust on one's oral word and one's written word."

"I am very proud I have fulfilled completely all our obligations, whether political, economic or personal to provide the right service to the people that have put their trust in me and the Government I have headed. I am very proud right now because I do believe it will strengthen Israeli democracy. It will put an end to many speculations and scepticism."

Of his future he said: "I really mean to continue the peace process and continue to make real and sincere efforts to pacify the situation in the Middle East."

Before resigning, Mr Peres packed in a hard day's work. He had flown in overnight from France on one of those trips that earned him the soubriquet of "the flying Prime Minister" from Mr Yitzhak Moda'i — an insult for which Mr Peres sacked the Liberal leader from his cabinet in July. Then he chaired a two-hour meeting for his own Labour party.

## Border closed

Nairobi (Reuter) — Ghana closed its eastern border with Togo after Togo accused Ghana of involvement in an attempt to overthrow President Eysadema.

## 68 bus deaths

Delhi (Reuter) — Sixty-eight people died when a bus plunged 70ft from a bridge at Jajmau in northern India and fell onto an island in the Ganges.

## Rabies call

Strasbourg (Reuter) — The European Parliament backed EEC health proposals aimed at curbing the spread of rabies and called for the increased vaccination of animals.

## Railway strike

Madrid (Reuter) — Huge traffic jams built up on the outskirts of Madrid as railwaymen began a 24-hour national strike to protest against long working hours and unfair dismissals.

## Kidnap arrest

Los Angeles (AFP) — A Saudi citizen was arrested after paying an undercover FBI agent more than \$3,000 to help him kidnap a fellow Saudi he said had extorted funds in his home country.

## Children killed

Tokyo (Reuter) — Five children were killed and four injured when a car ploughed into a line of 100 school-children walking on a road south-east of Tokyo.

## Jumbo fossils

Manila (AFP) — Elephants and rhinoceroses once roamed Manila, according to evidence gained from fossils estimated to be 2 million years old found near here.

## Rebels kill 10

Catman (Reuter) — Nine soldiers and a civilian were killed and at least 21 troops wounded in a communist rebel ambush in the central Philippines.

## Dutch courage

The Hague (Reuter) — Officials of the Dutch Parliament drink too much, according to an internal report that suggests banning beer from office refrigerators and reducing access to alcohol in the restaurant and canteen.

## Cholera cases

Geneva (Reuter) — All but two of the 30 cholera cases recorded in France since August originated in Algeria, the World Health Organization said.

## Aid for hungry

Geneva (AFP) — The Classic Aid concert staged here on September 30 has so far raised more than \$333,000 for the 11 million refugees in the care of the Geneva-based UN High Commissioner for Refugees. A similar concert is planned for London next spring.

## Remains home

Paris (AFP) — The remains of French soldiers killed in Indo-China were repatriated from Vietnam in a ceremony at Roissy Airport attended by M Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister, and other cabinet ministers.

## Militant jailed

Warsaw (AFP) — Mr Andrzej Bieganski, a former militant member of Solidarity, has been jailed for 10 years for sabotaging a Polish power plant.

## Family escape

Berlin (AP) — Bavarian officials reported a successful escape to the West by an East German family of four through the heavily fortified frontier.

## Impeach move

Quito, Ecuador (Reuter) — Ecuador's Congress cleared the way for possible impeachments of ministers of the conservative Government of Leon Febres Cordero.

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## Yuppy love or the real thing?

If it's German it must be the best — that's the image, but is it the truth? In the week before the Motor Show Bryan Appleyard looks under the bonnet of a very cunning campaign

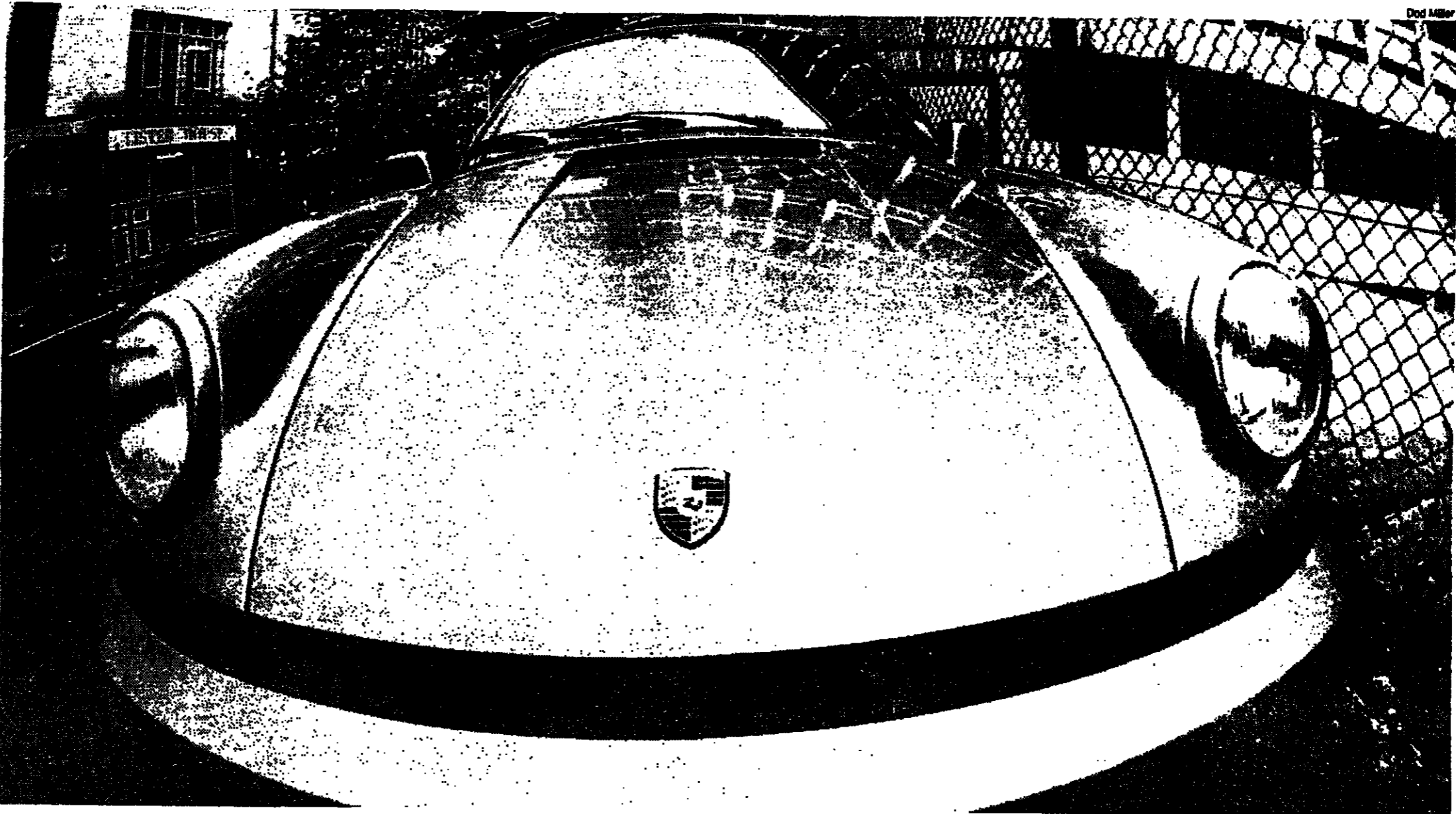
A few years ago Audi did some market research. Tell us, they asked, the name of a make of German car. The answer was always Mercedes or Volkswagen. Tell us another, they said. Then came BMW. What about Audi? the researchers asked. Are they German? came the response.

This upset John Meszaros, the marketing manager for Audi-Volkswagen. He told his advertising agency to come up with an Audi campaign which said simply and unforgettably: "This car is German". Thus was born the *Vorsprung durch Technik* campaign — known by some as the *Deutschland über alles* manoeuvre.

The point is that being German is unquestionably the biggest advantage any upmarket motor can have. Italian machines may go fast and drive well but everybody thinks they rust or breakdown. The French have something of the same feeling combined with a certain wilful eccentricity. The Japanese are all very well but the image is strictly downmarket. The British, meanwhile, have destroyed one of the marques which really mounted a threat in this market — Rover — while the Rolls has become far too vulgar. Jaguar is fine but, as for the rest...

No, the fact is that the average yuppie cannot afford to have anything other than a German car (the American-owned Opel doesn't count). Even if he does stray towards another nationality, he will be on the defensive in the cocktail bar. Furthermore he will be forced to defend his purchase against the German car marketers — a Toyota may be as reliable as a Merc, as nippy as a Golf or as aerodynamic as an Audi but, deep down, he knows he has blundered.

Creating and sustaining this image has been one of the most spectacular marketing feats in recent years. Its effect is so potent that the names of Mercedes, Porsche, Audi and BMW are possibly the only



ones in the world which require no further qualification to evoke yuppie peer approval. You cannot just say "Ford" in the cocktail bar, you have to have Escort Cabriolet or, in extreme cases, Granada Scorpion 2.8i 4x4.

The ancestry of this image lies clearly in the German reputation for engineering excellence, a reputation that goes back at least 100 years. But in Britain it was an image always allied with a certain coldness and with the qualification, before the war at least, that German cars were good only by foreign standards. In those days Mercedes were sold in Park Lane by men in white coats in competition with Rolls, Bentleys and Hispano-Suizas.

After the war German imports of all goods were kept out until 1953, and when the marques did reappear on our roads their numbers were insignificant. They were driven strictly by specialists and, in the case of Mercedes, the very rich. But in the 1960s

the British car industry gently crumbled. It failed to grasp either the mass market or the executive market and was in no condition to exploit the company car explosion that occurred from the mid-1970s. In addition Jaguar was going through its near-fatal quality control crisis.

This left the multi-nationals to mop up the bulk sales and the Germans to abscond with the whole quality end. The way they did this was either a masterpiece of timing or the most incredible luck, depending on your point of view. The key was the driver.

In essence, American cars are living rooms on wheels. They were designed to drift interminably along the four-lane blacktops. A British quality car had something of the same image but was more of a clubroom than a living room — varnished mahogany, pungent leather and a general air of excluding the outside world.

The Germans never quite understood this. Indeed Mercedes was at one stage baffled when its British operation requested wood on the dashboard and even carpets, for heaven's sake. To the Germans a car is a car is a car — and what do you want carpets for?

There are two points about company cars: first, they are occupied solely by the driver and second, although lots of clever rational thinking goes into what make is bought, the final decision is as full of emotion as any other. In the 1970s the functional became chic and nobody employed chauffeurs any more. The driver was what counted and he wanted a car that showed how smart he was about machinery. In this context the BMW curved dashboard became the most significant styling innovation of the decade. Instruments were revealed only to the driver in stark contrast to the old symmetrical distribution of dials across a wooden dash.

All this also provided a powerful marketing response to the Japanese approach of bolting on dozens of extras. The certainty spread that the quality of these marques was, as it were, concealed — it sprang from the deep mysteries of road-holding, directional stability and so on. Such virtues were intrinsic so even the cheapest BMW — the 316 — had them in abundance.

The 316 became desirable even though the smart critics have pointed out that it is little more than a well screwed-together Cortina. And, of course, it looks a bit like every other BMW. The smart thing among German and now British 316 buyers is to request a car without the numbers on the boot — that way the owner of a red-hot 323i can't be sure what's under your bonnet.

The advertising of all the makes now feeds this whole complex of hidden virtues. Paint jobs, suspension and engine build are dribbled into the copy in just sufficient

quantity to provide all the "post-purchase rationalizations" the yuppie needs in his cocktail bar. It is all deliciously ludicrous — as if anybody bought a Porsche for those reasons.

The prize for the most arrogant posture goes to BMW — "Enough said" was the only text on an ad showing a detail of a boot — while Audi goes for a degree of wit to offset the old suspicion of Teutonic coldness. Mercedes is all calm superiority while Porsche goes for technology and the sensuous gratification of speed. It works: the four companies continue to increase their share of the expanding British market.

All the companies occupy large, weirdly clean buildings about 50 miles from London. BMW and Porsche are both just off the M4 near Reading while Mercedes and Audi-Volkswagen face each other across a roundabout in Milton Keynes. Porsche has the slickest architecture, all grey steel and marble.

"We think the building says the same things as our cars," says the startlingly urbane John Aldington of Porsche. "We get instructions from Germany that the cars here and in our showrooms must stand on black tiles and be aligned with them," says Raymond Playfoot at BMW's faintly Bauhaus-like headquarters. "It was originally built for Vauxhall," says Erik Johnson of Mercedes, sadly, at the Milton Keynes building. "Let me tell you where BMW got it wrong..." says John Meszaros at Audi.

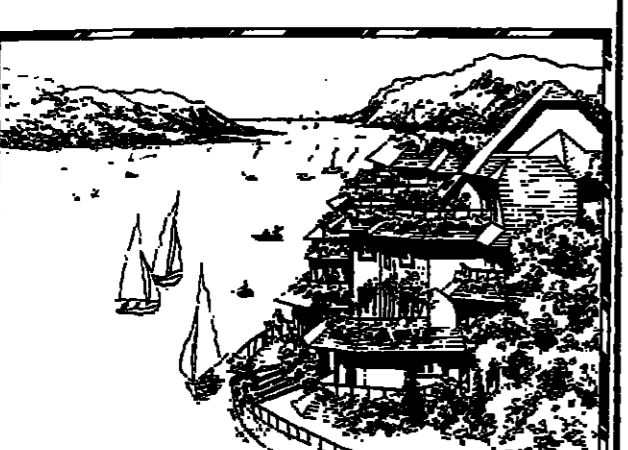
The buildings, like the men and like the cars, resemble comic-book futuristic alien invaders. They know they are superior but they know their best tactic is to blend in with the locals. They have had mild worries like the long-awaited new Jaguar, launched this week, or the possibility of a backlash against German styling and towards something a little less aggressive. But, by and large, they know for the moment their powers are almost limitless. Whatever monster emerges from Stuttgart or Munich they can persuade us that it is beautiful and desirable — the only way for a car to be. Enough said.

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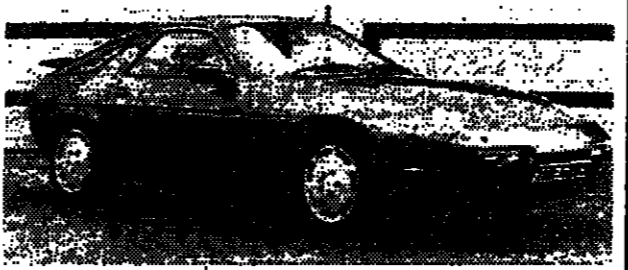
**AUDI:** The upmarket end of the Audi-Volkswagen group. A latecomer to the colour supplement spreads and the golf club chatter, Audi did not really attain its modern form until the early 1970s with the 100 and then moved in increasingly revolutionary styling directions with carving bodies and high boots.

Because of this late arrival marketing has concentrated on technological innovation. Once this had been drummed into thick yuppie heads, Audi's ads grew more wittily arrogant. One slip in the



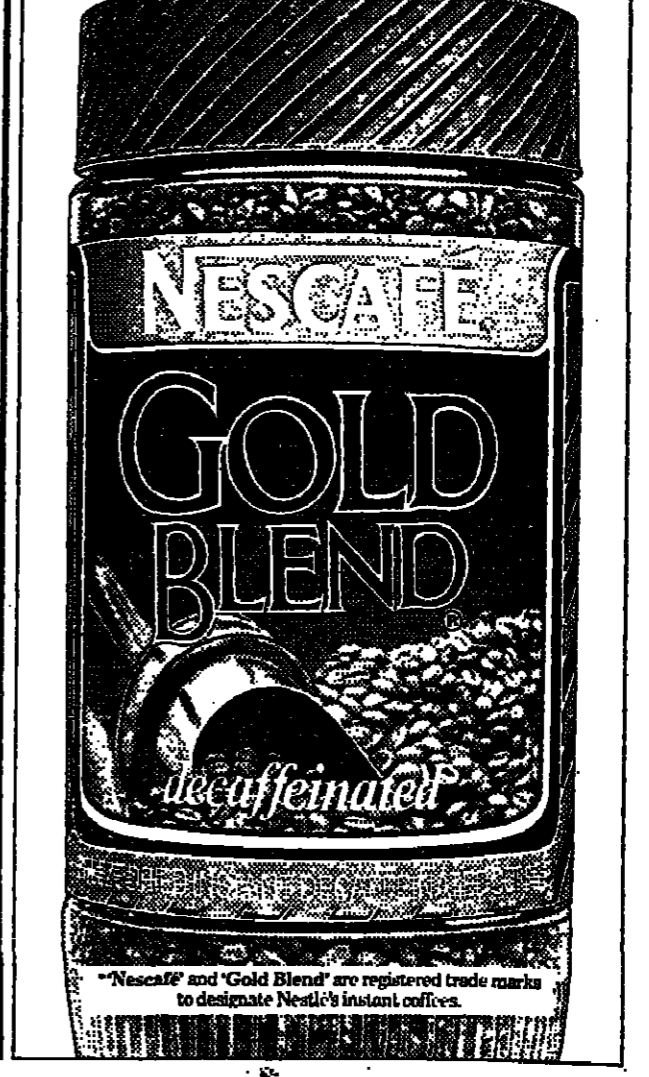
**BMW:** Selling 34,000 cars a year in Britain, BMW is the real leader of the new German marketing wave. Its designs are, depending on your inclination, either dull or understated but its appeal is irresistible. Part of the secret is insisting that every BMW partakes of a single, mystical fountain of quality. So, while the £35,000 M635CSi may be the aspiration, you can climb aboard with the £8,000 316. Note the numbers — none of your Fiestas, Fiascos or Maestros in this market.

Like Audi there is heavy emphasis on speed, but here the speed is meant to be effortless without the stick-on bits required by the "hot hatchbacks". It is possible to buy a new BMW that looks like a high-speed Christmas tree, though that would be to miss the point.



The serious problem for the future is that, since the new Mercedes style, BMW is now regarded as the dullest-looking German car. The new big BMW has just been unveiled at the Paris Motor Show but it is the smaller 3 series which really needs the revamp.

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**MERCEDES:** Some 19,000 a year sold in Britain, Mercedes has been responsible for perhaps the most beautiful car ever built — the 1954 300 SL — and all its designs have a sureness and inevitability that no company of any nationality has ever matched.

But it was in serious danger of being stranded without a yuppie buyer because of its fat, "look-at-me-I've-made-it" image and its cost. One ad-man described its overall image as "professional" — you expect to see a couple of police motorcycle outriders every time one appears. New styling and the smaller — although not cheaper — 190 have kept it alive, however, for the knowing yuppie.

**PORSCHE:** In a way Porsche has pulled off the most elaborate marketing feat of them all. For a start nobody needs a Porsche — it has massive sumping power and barely any room inside. Strictly speaking it is in the same class as superfluous machines like Ferraris or Lamborghinis.

And yet it isn't. Listen to somebody doing a spot of post-purchase rationalizing on a Porsche and he will actually be stressing its practical qualities. In fact, of course, there is no practical reason for buying a Porsche. Analysing this

phenomenon one drunken evening Porsche's UK executives concluded that, whereas most fast sports cars are regarded as a man's mistress, they had convinced people that the Porsche was his wife. Nevertheless, when someone buys a Porsche the choice is usually between car or swimming pool.

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TRAVEL 1

Off the south-west-Florida coast lies a peaceful escapist retreat for discerning beachcombers. Ann Morrow roughed it in luxury along with the other hermits

An immaculate pattern of islands

HOT SPOTS

The trouble with beachcombing by the Gulf of Mexico is that you never get a minute to yourself. These barrier islands off south-west Florida have deserted miles of glittery sand, but there is always some distraction.

If it is not a flock of sandpipers, dancing ahead of your bare feet, then it's a white heron showing you how he can stand on one leg and still be stately. Alternatively, there could be the whoosh of laughing gulls tumbling on the water as they tease the porpoises.

And if you sit down for a second by those lazy green Australian pines and tamarisks, the upturned shells of mother-of-pearl, cats' paws and angels' wings, winking with foam are irresistible.

Try to have a quiet snack on the balcony and coconuts keep plopping down from the palms and blue kingfishers dart in and out of the jasmine and sweet gardenias, the darling dip their wings dangerously close to the fresh pineapple.

The evenings can be just as busy. Try to get away from all decisions, and someone asks if you want horseradish in your Bloody Mary. Opalescent fish keep presenting out of the unfringed blue water, watched by those custodians of the bleached jetties, the pelicans.

Anyone who has ever experienced a cold or even cloudy day is welcomed as a "snowbird" to Florida (Spanish for flowery). Nine hours



Happy landings for the new boat people: tranquil welcome in Pine Island Sound for off-shore pleasure-seekers and, right, a local bird hanging around the jetty

from Heathrow and you catch those magic days between January and April, unwavering blue skies, and enough breeze to puff out an egret's feather.

Leaving Tampa on the Tamiami Trail south, you could picnic on deep fried peanuts by the roadside and fresh orange juice outside the citrus groves - or have a Caesar salad with mushrooms, anchovies and crispy bacon for under \$4, good with iced tea.

Once past Longboat Key, you leave the Tamiami Trail for the impressive Boca Grande Pass, where the tarpon run in the spring, providing some of the finest big-game fishing in the world.

Here desert life begins in earnest when you abandon the car at sleepy Island Harbour. In high spirits at escaping from the mainland, the pas-

sengers, tired trendies from New York and Connecticut, climb aboard a nippy motor launch with its gleaming brass and dark blue canvas cushions.

The launch swishes along the deep blue of Pine Island Sound, sheltered on either side by rich dark green mangrove forests, with splashes of marsh pink blossom. Palm Island is nothing but 165 acres of natural beauty, two miles of beach with wavy sea grass and petrified sharks teeth. The sprinkling of white and cool grey tropical cottages stand on stilts, each with a liberating wooden staircase leading to the sea.

An American's idea of a simple "beach hut" has thick carpeted floors, good reading lights, pictures on the walls, wickerwork furniture,

dishwasher, television, large fridge, telephone and king-sized bed. Rocking chairs on screened verandahs look out over palm trees, pines and stretches of reassuringly simple beach.

Your desert island kit warns how tough it will be. Foraging for food means a call to the island delicatessen at the Landings, and a delivery in 15 minutes. The lazy islander jumps on the little tram, sliding by on a sandy track and passing each door every half hour. The restaurant at the water's edge has an unpretentious menu, but the chef from Maine does delicious scallops with Chablis and spring onions.

The return for all this hardship - walking, swimming, cycling, playing golf and tennis - is a fizzy feeling of wellbeing. American beachcombers make a lot of noise

about how intrepid they are and how they love the simple life. But by the second week, some had slipped shoes on again and their cheery, tanned faces kept popping up in other haunts along the coast.

Palm Island is the latest project of an amiable American called Garfield Beckstead, an international consultant who in 1976, then aged 37 and just back from Japan, took a fishing boat out for a day, and came ashore at the pretty island of Useppa nearby in the tranquil waters of Pine Island Sound. He was enchanted.

Useppa, within the fishing grounds of Boca Grande, was where chic weekends were enjoyed by the Vanderbilts, the Rockefellers and Shirley Temple. But in 1929 the tarpon and the tuna got their own back. Those Izaak Walton Club buddies had gone,

needing different courage to face the Wall Street crash, and the island was abandoned.

Beckstead found the place desolate, the cactus vines sprawling insidiously over the claw-footed bathtubs and the tiled swimming pools of the tall white houses.

For the next three years, with only raucous for company, he and his Japanese wife struggled with tangled weeds and decay to restore the island to much of its 1920s and 30s old-Florida graciousness, and now the plantation houses, with romantic latticed arches, are alive again. A little Vivaldi drifts over the pines, the silvery sand is raked every day, gardeners stagger along carrying enormous fig trees to decorate a house for the weekenders.



exclusive, they have only recently been taking guests who have to work for a living; it never advertises. An old colonial house, dating from 1913, it is like a substantial "old money" family house.

Captiva, the Tahiti of the barrier islands, is barely five miles long and half-a-mile wide - a charming stretch of red mangrove trees by the Florida Reef. Roseate spoonbills perch on sand bars as your boat takes you to South Seas Plantation and an old Florida inn.

Before the beachcomber can even touch a piece of fresh-baked Armenian bread at the Kings Crown, he must shake the sand off his feet and wear some clothes. Once an old lime warehouse, this restaurant has soft light from leaded glass lamps catching the polished beams overhead, where paddle fans whirr. Soup spoons are chilled in readiness for their union with cold sorrel soup and eventual journey to sunburnt lips. Walking outside after dinner, a pelican silhouetted in the moonlight is almost too perfect.

But Palm Island is for pilgrims. It only opened two years ago, but it will never get crowded. Two thirds of the island will be preserved in its natural state and there is a fine of \$300 if you pick a sea urchin. The result is unique escapism, soft and languid.

The "Sinatra set" still prefers the east coast. The trouble with south-west Florida, they say, is that it is too quiet. You hear nothing but the lapping of the waves. Why, all that peace could drive you crazy.

Useppa is an island club. The houses, individually stylish, are privately owned, but let to discerning travellers. There are, of course, other less private islands. Just by crossing the Caloosahatchee River you get to Sanibel along Periwinkle Way. The village of Casa Y Bel was discovered by a Victorian missionary; the Reverend George Barnes, who, when driven ashore by storms and pirates, decided that here was a realistic Promised Land with its wild orchids and giant ferns. He built a family house on his 23 acres of palm trees and beach. Today this is the Thistle Inn specialising in New Orleans and Creole cooking. Apartments or "efficiencies" are dotted round the pool and restaurant. There is a lemon yellow hotel in Boca Grande called the Gasparilla Inn which is so

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Par Am Fly/Drive, 193 Piccadilly, London W1 (01-493 3377) offer APEX flights midweek to Miami or Tampa for £368, additional tax £11. Hire car for a small two-door is £30 per week. Petrol costs between £1.60 and £1.80 per gallon. Further details on Useppa and Palm Island from 7092 Piccadilly Road, Cape Haze, Florida 33904 (813 687 1100). For other Florida, Holiday in America, 73 High Street, Ewell, Surrey KT17 1RW (01-893 0127).

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TRAVEL 2

OUT AND ABOUT

Party politics in Burgundy

Casting grand light on the Iron Duke

Nigel Andrew views with awe — and some mirth — the ornate interior of the Duke of Wellington's Apsley House

With the grape harvest in and the summer visitors gone, Shona Crawford Poole joined the revels

Burgundians have more important things to do than pander to passers-by. Wine and vines dominate landscape and lives. Wherever earth and aspect allow, vines twist from the ground, their form a concrete history of rebellion against pruning shears and training wires. Not a beehive, not a granny flat is erected where a single vine might flourish. As a consequence, beds can be hard to find in the summer months.

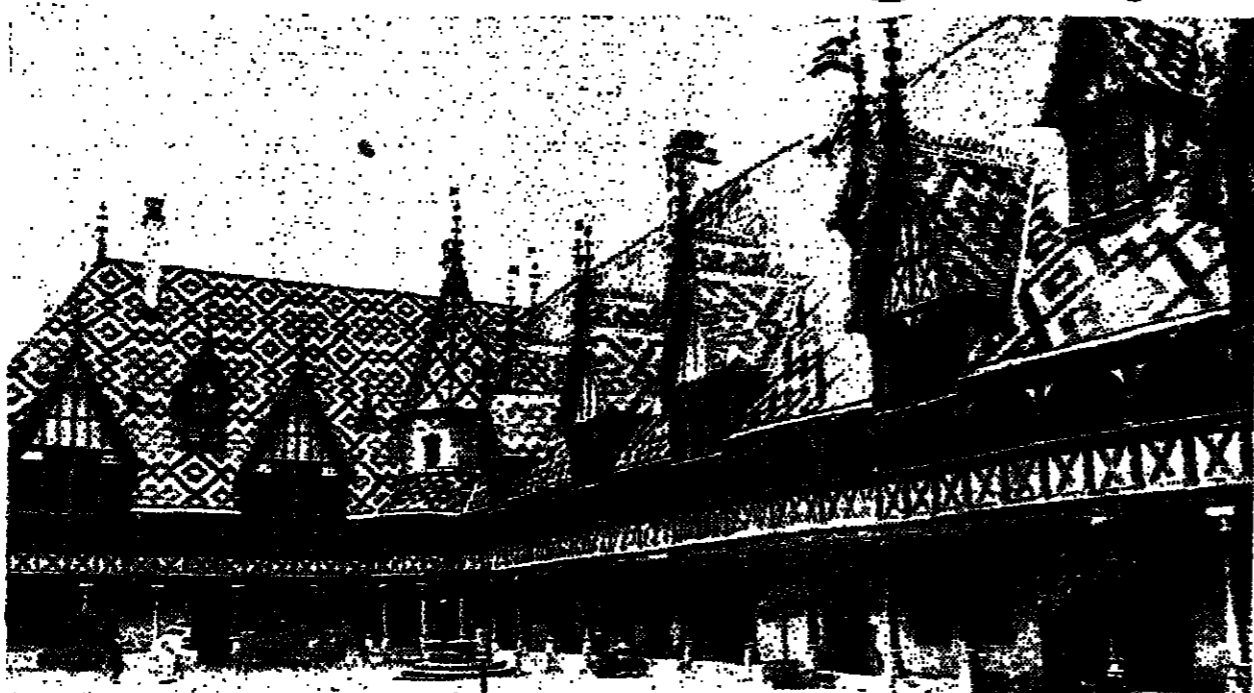
Few places are at their best in peak holiday periods, Nuits St. George and Beaune not excepted. In the heat of August coachfuls of visitors wash down plates of oeuil meurtres with the overspill of the European wine lake. Beneath their feet some of the world's finest wines while away their youth in cool, labyrinthine cellars.

Men whose noses are sure of nuances of raspberry and truffle, men precise in the lucid abstractions that describe wines as supple, labour in the fragrant depths, tasting, testing, nursing the harvests of summers long past. Their confidence is solid. "It does not matter how high the price of a bottle of say, Chablis, rises as long as when it is opened — be it once a week or once a year — it does not disappoint."

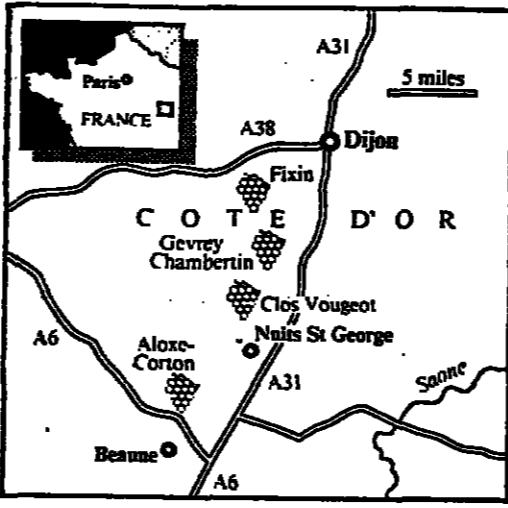
Spring does not hurry into the walled vineyards of Fixin, Aloxe-Corton, and Gevey-Chambertin. In May the complicated patchwork of garden-sized holdings is barely misted with the green of bursting buds. By November the earth is showing through again, golden brown in the bluer mists of autumn. It is now, when the harvest is in and the great oak casks brim with promise, that Burgundy parties.

Invitations to Les Trois Glorieuses, the three-day bash held annually on the third weekend of November, are prized, and like many another good party, it is not easily crashed. For the opening banquet on Saturday given by La Confrerie des Chevaliers du Tastevin at their headquarters in the Chateau du Clos de Vougeot the rig is smoking, the costume not the habit, and insignes de l'ordre. If new members are admitted for their public relations pull rather than their knowledge of wine, the distinction is blurred in the noisy bonhomie of the occasion.

Sunday is the day for serious business and the centrepiece of the event, which is the great public auction of fine wines produced on the lands of the



Scenes of celebration: Beaune's medieval Hotel Dieu, where the great wine auction used to take place; and the Chateau du Clos de Vougeot, below, headquarters of the Chevaliers du Tastevin and the setting for the opening banquet



TRAVEL NOTES

I flew British Caledonian (01-688 4222) to Paris — the airline's cheapest fare is the £73 return Superpass — and travelled from Paris to Dijon by train. The TGV does the journey in 100 minutes and costs from £25.60 return. For details contact French Railways, 179 Piccadilly, London W1V 0AB (01-405 1224).

For a short stay the Hotel de la Cloche in central Dijon, 14 Place Darcy, 21000, Dijon (80-30 12 32) offers comfort and efficiency from £50 a night for a double room.

For a more leisurely visit, Vacances en Campagne, Bignor, near Pulborough, West Sussex RH20 7QD (07987 366) has a selection of self-catering accommodation in the area ranging from simple apartments to larger houses. The individual Travellers Company (of the same address) offers larger-scale accommodation through its Châteaux en France programme.

Hospices de Beaune. It used to be held in the Hotel Dieu, the magnificently tiled hospital and house of the poor built midway through the 15th century by a wealthy chancellor to the Dukes of Burgundy. John the Fearless and Philip the Good.

Now the television cameras set up early in the market building across the street. The crowd outside stamps its feet and blows steamy breath on the windows. As two-thirty approaches, buyers arrive to fill reserved chairs in front of

the auctioneers. Fur and cashmere are worn off the shoulder. The cigars smell wonderful even through the miasma of the season's most aggressively promoted scent.

The early lots go for fabulously inflated sums which purchase a moment's settled fame before the prices settle and the sale drones on into the early darkness.

Monday heralds the longest lunch of the year, the *paule de Mersault* to which the winemakers, négociants, éleveurs and smallholders

bring the best of their bottles. They arrive carrying bottles in their arms, bottles in baskets, bottles in boxes. There are new, clearly labelled bottles, dusty, never labelled bottles, and bottles the like of whose contents most of us will never taste.

They are there to taste each other's efforts, to share, to carp, to praise and to celebrate. An enormous Belgian sitting next to me scored the dozens of wines he sampled in points out of ten. He offered me everything that was eight

or more marks on his system. Lunch started at 12.30 and ended at seven. It was a party to savour.

In Dijon Market on Tuesday morning the stallholders covered their vegetables with newspapers against the frost.

Wild boar, pigeons and pheasants had arrived to add warm, winter colours to the greenery of leeks and cabbages. Summer fruits had finished and so had summer's visitors. The traders assumed one had come to buy not to gawp, and it was a pleasure to oblige.

Book early for summer discounts

Major travel agency chains are offering discounts to customers who make early bookings for 1987 summer package holidays.

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EATING OUT

Wild mouthfuls for chic prices

A dozen years ago when I first used to go down to the woods in autumn it was only rarely that I encountered anyone else with a trug or basket.

Now, wild mushrooms are de rigueur at this time of year in all restaurants that take themselves seriously. "Wild" like "natural", "homemade" or "fresh", does not perhaps mean quite the same when it occurs on a menu as it does in common speech.

However, in the case of fungi of the genus boletus - or those species of it known by the vernacular names cep, cepé, porcini, steinpilz - "wild" does mean wild. Attempts to cultivate boletus edulis have failed consistently.

Research into the artificial propagation of the white truffle, on the other hand, is at the point where commercial production is a possibility. So, back to the woods.



There is a reasonable liver and onion dish and the vegetables are imaginatively conceived, horribly priced and unremarkable. Cheese was accompanied by an unpleasantly folksy basket of biscuits; you have to ask for bread. There was nothing wrong with the Reblochon or the Stilton and every wrong with the Camembert (frozen?) and the chèvre (chalky).

This place is a tiny part of the Conran empire and given Sir Terence's celebrity as a gourmet and his wife's great prowess as a cookery writer, it really should be both better and cheaper. As it is, one feels that one is paying to eat in some wonderful precursor of the Search gallery, amidst all that was most fashionable in 1968.

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Spiced with surprise

Vanilla has unexpected affinities, as Shona Crawford Poole discovered

Vanilla's very success has led to its devaluation. Synthetic vanilla flavouring has long replaced the real thing in all but the finest confections.

Vanilla is the fruit of a climbing tropical orchid Vanilla planifolia. A single pod buried in a jar of caster sugar will scent the sugar, through repeated top-ups, for as long as a year.

Although usually classified as a sweet spice vanilla is occasionally used subtly, and with great success in savoury dishes. When saucing sweet-tasting fish or shellfish the scent of vanilla in this variation of a classic beurre blanc should be elusive, almost subliminal.

- Monkfish and vanilla sauce Serves four
2 monkfish tails
Salt and pepper
2 tablespoons mild olive oil
For the sauce
170g (6oz) butter
55g (2oz) shallots, chopped
400ml (1/2 pint) dry white wine
1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
1 vanilla pod, split lengthwise
Dice the butter and allow it to come to room temperature. Melt a scant tablespoon of the butter in a small saucepan and add the chopped shallots. Cook them gently until they are tender and transparent. Add the wine and vinegar and boil the mixture, uncovered,

- 110g (4oz) unsalted butter, diced and softened
1 egg yolk
1/2 teaspoon real vanilla essence
For the filling
6 tablespoons double cream
6 tablespoons strained Greek yoghurt
1 tablespoon caster sugar
110g (4oz) perfectly ripe berries
To make the pastry, sift the flour, icing sugar and salt into a bowl and add the diced butter. Rub-in or process the mixture to the texture of breadcrumbs before adding the egg yolk mixed with the vanilla. Mix or process to a dough. Form the dough into a roll, wrap it in foil or film, and chill it well.

Remove the vanilla pod and turn the fruit butter into prepared jars - washed and heated thoroughly in a very cool oven (110°C/225°F, gas mark 1/2). Cover at once and leave to cool. When cool, label the preserve and store it in a cool, dark place. Autumn berry tarts Serves six
For the pastry
140g (5oz) plain flour
55g (2oz) icing sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt

When all the butter has been added, season the sauce with salt, pepper and a tiny quantity of the fine, slightly sticky powder scraped from the centre of the vanilla pod. Strain the sauce through a fine sieve into a warm sauceboat. To serve the fish, cut the flesh off each tail in two long fillets. Slice each fillet into thick medallions, or leave them whole. Spoon a little of the vanilla sauce over the fish and serve the rest separately. I recently came across vanilla in jams made with tropical fruits and like it in this home made apple and pear jam. Apple, pear and vanilla jam Makes about 2.1kg (4 1/2 lb)
800g (2lb) sharp cooking apples

DRINK

Rotten - in the sweetest way

Beloved by Colene, Turgenev, Marcel Proust, the Russian Imperial Court, Thomas Jefferson et al, the great golden Quercus is undoubtedly the most starchy of all the luscious Sauternes châteaux. Like most people who are interested in wine, I can vividly recall my first glass of this honeyed liquid gold, although I do not remember the vintage. The bright amber-gold colour is still as fresh to me as its intoxicating crème brûlée taste. I think it may have been the '39.

Since then, although my admiration and craving for great Sauternes has not diminished, my tastebuds are rarely on the receiving end of these delectable wines. This is primarily because sweet wines are now foolishly deemed out of fashion by sophisticates and as such Sauternes and Barsac are rarely seen on either wine merchant or restaurant wine lists. And even less seen is that most useful of sweet wine sizes, the half bottle. True, the production of the finest Sauternes châteaux is tiny. Yquem for instance only manages to produce on average 3,500 cases in a year compared to the 20,000 of Lafite.

Worse still is the thought that sweet dessert wines are just not treated seriously by the wine world. Everyone wants to make taste-alikes for the great red Bordeaux and Burgundy names but there are few winemakers, it seems, who want to challenge the Sauternes. Generally when any sweet wine lovers try to order one to round off a meal, they are treated like nobby-pamby eccentrics. Neither has Sauternes' reputation been enhanced by the glut of cheap, sweet sulphuric white wines present on Britain's shop shelves, many of which are sold under the Premières Côtes de Bordeaux label.

The greatest piece of good fortune for the Sauternais, in recent years, and one which may well pull them out of the doldrums is the magnificent '83 vintage. In the noble rot conducive moist autumn climate of Barsac and Sauternes, with the imminent winter dangers of frost, rain or hail, it takes nerves of steel to hang on until the last possible moment to harvest what the Sauternais hope will be an entirely nobly-rotted crop. Botrytis cinerea, or noble rot, the ugly sounding and repulsive looking mould that attacks the rich, sweet Sauternes grapes so that they shrivel up to produce a natural and highly-concentrated juice, works slowly and unpredictably. So important Sauternes châteaux have no alternative but to send their pickers out several times to gather grapes suffering from noble rot.

Miraculously everything went well in 1983, principally due to its long Indian summer and most Sauternais agree that it is the greatest Sauternes vintage since 1967, itself deemed a superb Sauternes year. For those who missed the few opening offers of '83 Sauternes, the Wine Society (Gunnels Wood Road, Stevenage, Herts) has just introduced five of them to their new autumn list. By far the most spectacular of these is the glorious '83 Château Climens, from Barsac, priced at £22.50 a bottle (or £20.33 from Lay & Wheeler, 6 Culver Street West, Colchester, Essex) but its pale straw gold colour and wonderful waxy, multi-layered honeyed style is perfection and worth all that and more. I also much enjoyed the '83 Château Couët, again a Barsac, but this time available at the much more approachable price of £19 a bottle from the Wine Society and £14.87 from Lay & Wheeler. Its pale colour and delicate, fragrant, scent and taste of lilies is a delight. Lighter still is the '83 Château Doisy-Daene (Wine Society £9.31, Lay & Wheeler £9.31) a delicious, lime juice and honey like mouthful, whose slight sweetness, compared to the other Sauternes listed by the Wine Society, will please those palates who find dessert wines generally too much for their tastebuds to cope with. In general the Barsacs are marginally more impressive than the Sauternes produced in '83 but, even so, I liked the Filhot (Wine Society halves only at £5.55) whose full, fruity nose and waxy, honeyed taste would make an excellent winter pudding wine. I was also pleased with the '83 Sigalas-Rabaud whose lemony-pineapple-like palate is, like the Filhot, going to mature sooner than the Barsacs swamped in '83. Whilst we wait for this to happen other dessert wine devotees will no doubt join me in nipping down to Sainsbury's to partake of half bottles of '80 Château Couët whose soft, peachy-pineapple crème brûlée taste priced at just £3.99 a bottle should convert every one to the delights of dessert wines.



Jane MacQuitty

CHESS

Standing ovation keeps the title in check

One of the most artistic finishes of the World Championship match occurred in the 22nd game. Kasparov adjourned with what appeared to be an advantage, but many Grandmasters were defeated by the complexity of the position and eventually pronounced it a draw.



White: Kasparov; Black: Karpov. Kasparov sealed 41 Nd7! This was greeted by premature applause from some spectators. It is the only move to win. There followed: 41... Rb6 42 Nc5 43 Rb8 44 Rxb4 45 b5 d3 46 b6 d2 47 b7 d1=Q 48 b8=Q Qd2 (to cover f4) 49 Nxb6 Qxb6 50 Qh8+ Qh7 51 Qg3xg7 mate. A fantastic variation; with four Queens on the board.

Here the Black King is boxed in, but if 42... Kg8 43 Rb8 wins, 43... Rxb4 44 axb4 d4 45 b5 d3 46 b6 d2 47 b7 d1=Q 48 b8=Q Qd2 (to cover f4) 49 Nxb6 Qxb6 50 Qh8+ Qh7 51 Qg3xg7 mate. A fantastic variation; with four Queens on the board.

The decisive coup. If now 43... Rxb4 44 axb4 d4 45 b5 d3 46 b6 d2 47 b7 d1=Q 48 b8=Q Qd2 (to cover f4) 49 Nxb6 Qxb6 50 Qh8+ Qh7 51 Qg3xg7 mate. A fantastic variation; with four Queens on the board.

This threatens deadly checks along the c1-h6 diagonal. Karpov resigned and Kasparov received a standing ovation.

The line of resistance. Karpov Raymond Keene



Jubilant for Kasparov, gloom for Karpov

BRIDGE

An instinct for the winner

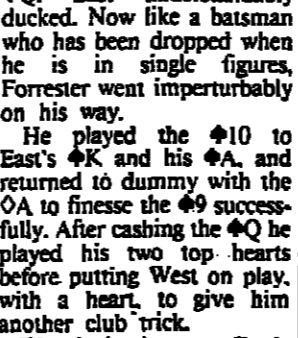
Armstrong's victory in the recent BBL International Trials came as no surprise to the "form" students. Armstrong, Kirby, Forrester and Brock have established their supremacy by a series of almost uninterrupted victories in National events, much to the discomfort of their London rivals.

When Tony Forrester plays in Brighton next summer, it will be his third appearance for Great Britain. His debut at Valkenburg in 1980 was rich in promise which has been amply fulfilled, especially in Salsomaggiore last year where he and Lodge were outstandingly the most successful of the British pairs.

Forrester is an adaptable player, equally at ease with the tortuous complications of the limited strong pass with a natural system. But where his bidding may excite controversy, his card play only attracts admiration. Like all

the truly great players, he has an instinct for what is going on at the table.

BBL Teams Trials, 1986. Love all. Dealer North.



This contract was a popular choice, but with the OK offside was invariably defeated. Forrester had a little initial assistance in the shape of the lead of the ♠A. However, West's fine recovery shot, a switch to the ♠3, should have proved lethal. Forrester won the ♠10 with the ♠Q and played the ♠J, overtaking with dummy's ♠Q. East understandably ducked. Now like a batsman who has been dropped when he is in single figures, Forrester went imperturbably on his way. He played the ♠10 to East's ♠K and his ♠A, and returned to dummy with the ♠A to finesse the ♠Q successfully. After cashing the ♠Q he played his two top hearts before putting West on play, with a heart, to give him another club trick. Was it instinct, or East's slow-witted inability to disguise that he had ducked the diamond, that put declarer on the right path? I don't know. But I do know that it is usually fatal to make even the smallest error against Tony Forrester.

Jeremy Flint

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SATURDAY ARTS

Music in mind

TELEVISION

These with two television sets - if not split personalities - who last night simultaneously watched Living With Schizophrenia (Channel 4) and the clashing Omnibus film, Courtney Pine and the New Jazz (BBC1) were no doubt a little confused.

Wisely, the director of the Omnibus film, Faith Isakpore, mostly let the music speak for itself. There was no commentary, the interview clips - occasionally prefaced by abrupt titles such as "What is Jazz?" - were short and pertinent.

Our new black hope, the young saxophonist Courtney Pine - articulate and serious off-stage, more so on - spoke of his pride that blacks have evolved such a high art form. British jazz, once championed by that skilled old Etonian Guardsman trumpeter Humphrey Lyttelton, can only be enriched by an influx of young black musicians.

Living With Schizophrenia also avoided analysis and definition - we weren't even rid of the commonplace misconception of the disease as "split-personality". Instead, sufferers spoke movingly of their illness. For some it had been the most terrible experience, for others something very disturbing, but exciting. One painter was glad he "had the imagination to have had a schizophrenic illness".

Andrew Hislop

Peeping through future curtains

Two of Paul Theroux's novels, The Mosquito Coast and Dr. Slaughter, have just been filmed. He talks to Nicholas Shakespeare about his latest, to be published next week

A cormorant from Hungerford bridge flaps past the window of Paul Theroux's nest on the river - a small, modern flat where he comes from his house in Clapham to write. In its wake and low in the choppy water steams a tug. "Nuclear waste", he suggests.

His voice is soft and honest - harmoniously so. Sliding on to a sofa, he adds that a nuclear war won't happen. It will be a nuclear accident instead, the result of scruffy thinking, shortsightedness and greed. "The world has never been more divided. There are lots of desperate people, fewer and fewer possibilities. You can never imagine a time when countries like Peru, Pakistan or Paraguay will be viable."

He then retails a news item heard on the World Service where his wife works. How, a week after West Germany announced the possibility of measures to curtail immigration, a convoy of 600 buses containing 27,000 Turks, Iraqis and Iraqis - heading for Germany - was stopped in Bulgaria.

"Do you remember a time when there were no security checks at airports, when people came into the departure lounge to say goodbye?" With the lazy self-assurance of a lizard in the sun rubbing its stomach on a rock, he laments these days are gone forever. The question asked in O-Zone, a novel "set in but not about the future", and his first major work since Mosquito Coast, is not "Will it happen?" but "How did things get this way? How did it happen to us?"

O-Zone (Harnish Hamilton, £10.95) was inspired by an answer Theroux gave the artist John Brabyn in a conversation, while he was being painted, about the future. "I said I didn't think it would be a collectivist state so much as a wilderness in which most people would live hand to mouth and the rich would live like princes... the poor would live like dogs. They would be dangerous and pitiful and the rich would probably hunt them for sport."

had given Theroux one landscape of the future - "no trees, people carrying things, very smoky and rather grim." Then a fortnight spent on the New York underground in the company of two armed policemen provided him with another. "People live on the subway, going from station to station with their bags, believing in a mythology of the lines, that every line is unsafe except yours. The one going into Brooklyn is genuinely dangerous. The Beast, they call it. Maps are vandalized, there are rats, drug addicts, kids with guns."

Theroux's vision was compounded by a journey round Britain (described in Kingdom by the Sea) which included a visit to Northern Ireland. "It is hard to appreciate the strangeness of life in Belfast, the enormity of the security problem. The market square fenced off, every stall checked, every car boot opened."

"The routine of security is very interesting, how people get used to it, even like it. My feeling was: there's going to be much more of this in the world. It's not creating problems. It's creating a new kind of living."

In a hotel in Enniskillen, Theroux had sat in the television lounge and watched The Invasion of the Body Snatchers. "Everyone was having the living daylight scared out of them by this totally preposterous film about alien germs which enter our minds and programme us to take over the world. Yet in the night outside people were cutting the udders of cows, blowing up army patrols and kneeling to crucifixes - altogether weirder and more dangerous. That people should watch a film about alien beings for their entertainment was proof they could not bear to contemplate the spectacle of Ulster."

He crooks an elbow above his head, looking for more cormorants. Having forsaken his Papa Doc shades, he looks today through clear lenses. "I wanted to write a book about the future where aliens are not little green men, but actual



Lizard in the sun: Paul Theroux, the barges, and the London flat he uses when he's writing

people perceived to be alien by citizens of a city. If one did contemplate the future, it would be more like Ulster than Venus."

The world depicted in O-Zone is, one divided between the vertical, hi-tech wastes of New York, roamed by tax-paying Owners on the sniff for illegal immigrants, and an area of America contaminated by nuclear waste - a bucolic wilderness inhabited by Aliens. "These pretty places in the north of England," he says, returning to his raw material. "Mining towns where the pits had closed. They were not dark stanic mills, they were dark stanic villages, poorer and prettier with clear skies and dust-beaps covered in grass. Some had even got accustomed to the nuclear power-stations nearby. One villager told me how pretty it was lit up at night a Christmas tree."

"Being able to accommodate that sort of thing," he adds, "is rather dangerous." He likens this to the way London has altered without anyone murmuring. "If you live here and you're wide awake, you

cannot help see how quickly everything is changing.

"Over there was Bessborough Gardens, where fresh off a ship, Conrad wrote his first book. Every time I saw I thought of Conrad and Amayer's Folly. Now it's suddenly vanished. The whole place has been ripped out. Once it's eliminated, like the Sunday postal service, it never comes back. Yet Dickens' London, biscuit-tin London is so strong that people still see it instead of the background."

"A woman told me recently how she loved Londoners because they said 'Yes, my lady.' Really, I asked, and where are you staying? Claridge's, she said. In order to write, one must be honest that what one sees is not what one intended to see."

Though recognised by our immigration officers - "You're the train man aren't you, so we haven't got rid of you yet?" - Theroux admits to feeling an Alien in England and an Owner in his native America. Having taught abroad - he was expelled from Malawi after a "political frame-up" - he does not miss

a regular job, but regrets the sense of being excluded.

"As a writer I feel like a man walking down the street on a dark winter night looking in at real life lived behind the windows." Prompted by the image, he enthuses about London in October, his favourite time of year: the dark afternoons when people forget to close their curtains and give the illusion they are burning the midnight oil. "I sound like Steppenwolf or some maniac," he laughs.

We leave the flat, protected by security cameras and ominous buttons, and cross the river where he kayaks each week. For all his expressed horrors of the modern world, he seems fluently detached, without the wish to change it. "Fiction," he says, citing 1984, "is more powerful than any pamphlet." He has given up reviewing. "Like all newspapers, reviews end up on the bottom of the canary cage. They don't even wrap fish in them any more.

Then, reminded, he asks if I know how much fish a cormorant eats. "Tons of it," he says triumphantly.

Stephen Petronio The Place

It must be difficult being a New Dancer. No dancing is easy, but the practitioners of New Dance have a self-imposed obligation to do something different, and nowadays there are so many of them that finding a suitable difference becomes a major operation.

We owe our knowledge of the medium largely to Dance Umbrella, the annual festival which brings together many British performers and some from the United States, Europe and occasionally further afield. This year's season runs for the next five weeks.

The first imported exhibit is Stephen Petronio and Dancers at The Place. His first piece, a solo called Number 3, has an unusual though not unprecedented twist, in that he keeps his right foot firmly rooted to one spot throughout, while the left slides no more than a few inches to allow him to change the direction in which he faces. For about eight minutes he maintains this stance while his arms, shoulders, and head bob about. One spectator likened it to a chicken struggling out of an egg.

But Mr Petronio is quoted

DANCE

by an American interviewer as saying that it is not important to the audience to understand a work, only to enjoy it, so I tried to enjoy movement that rather too soon exhausted its compulsiveness.

Number 3 was performed to a recording by Lenny Pickett called Dance Music for Borneo Harms No. 3 which did not exactly leave me panting to know what numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4 sounded like. Not that the movement is very obviously related to the music; in New Dance that is considered somewhat infra dig. Still, the next piece did at least take its title from Pat Irwin's jazzy score, The Sixth Heaven.

For this, Petronio and five other dancers committed movements obviously related to the contact improvisations pioneered by Steve Paxton, except that they were rarely actually in contact.

Petronio's dancers are pugacious in appearance and style, and pugacity was the keynote of the final work, Walk-In. The movement was again full of stops and starts, never really getting anywhere and probably not wanting to.

John Percival

Cherkassky Celebrates Wigmore Hall

At 75, Shura Cherkassky is still playing - and with redoubled strength, to judge from this birthday recital. He has the enthusiasm and energy of a man half his age, and he can still make you sit up in your chair with the unexpected nuance, the unconventional approach.

Indeed, sometimes he drives the music so frenetically that it all becomes a little overpowering. Such threatened to be the case in Beethoven's "Appassionata" Sonata, where Cherkassky's unremittingly brittle tone in the outer movements, allied to speeds that were uncompromisingly fast and phrases that were often clipped, produced a protracted violent explosion of sound.

But, one afterwards thought, that is what this music is about; perhaps we have become accustomed to too much elegance and need to be outraged anew like this.

The same cannot be said, however, for even the most extrovert, the most dramatic music of Chopin. But

CONCERT

Cherkassky chose to play it with that same almost desperate feverishness, never really relaxing where the tempo broadened, nor succeeding in spinning a true cantabile line, save in the F minor Nocturne, Op 55 No. 1. The F minor Ballade, Op 52, for instance, began strangely woodenly, as if Cherkassky could hardly bear to submit to the music's expressivity. And when it did get faster, it was frequently smudged by inconsistent pedalling.

His mood was obviously better suited to this occasion, to the Chopin of the Grande Valse Brillante, Op 18, an exuberant miniature, all swirling ball-gowns and glittering chandeliers, and to the youthful virtuosic excesses of the Variations on La ci darem la mano, Op 2. But even in these works he pushed the tempo to breaking point, and indeed the strain very nearly proved too much at the end of Op 2.

It was always going to be a flamboyant recital, however, as Busoni's challenging, if bizarre, arrangement of Bach's Toccata, Adagio and Fugue in C hinted at the beginning.

Stephen Pettitt

All Hour yesterdays

In contrast to Radio 3, no one can possibly be unaware of radio's other fortieth birthday. Woman's Hour has done it with a splash - a Radio Times cover and lead feature days ahead of the event, plus notice on all sides. It was in fact only last Tuesday that the anniversary itself came round.

But perhaps the most striking thing about this protracted celebrating is how different in character it has been from the programme itself. The last thing Woman's Hour usually does is to blow its own trumpet. So it was necessary to listen quite a lot in the past 10 days or so to make sure that the old familiar sound was still there.

The genuine birthday edition was devoted almost entirely to an absorbing discussion-cum-feature in which Miss MacGregor spoke to three great names in the history of Woman's Hour - Joan Metcalfe, Olive Shapley and Monica Sims - plus Dilly Keane of Fascinating Aids for whom it filled in "the missing bits of my education".

They reminded us of the social climate into which the programme took its first tentative steps in 1946. This was a time when lady contributors wore hats at the microphone and when, in an internal memorandum, BBC management could congratulate itself on not exercising its right of censorship, while still feeling that an item on "the older woman" (i.e., problems of the menopause) was both "a lowering of broadcasting standards" and "acutely embarrassing".

But listeners' needs to air their marital, emotional, social and domestic problems were not to be denied.

RADIO

Woman's Hour took off because it met a blazing need, one of which the upper echelons of the Corporation and society in general were simply unaware. It is easy to forget that in its early days this well-spoken programme was a courageous pioneer of the now rampant broadcast advice business - one in which, though less courage is needed these days, it has retained a well-earned reputation for breadth and level-headedness.

I have often wondered what it is that time and again makes me impatient with the reviewing to be heard nightly on Kaleidoscope. Last Tuesday offered a comparison which enabled me to nail it down. On Radio 3 John Bowen opened the new First Night series with a 10-minute review of Richard Nelson's Principia Scriptoriae in which he told us what the play was about, contrasted its two acts, expressed reservations about the second, but left his listeners with the impression that this, though flawed, was a play worth some attention.

On Kaleidoscope an hour earlier we had heard Howard Schuman giving his account of it to Natalie Wheen. They told us how complex it was and how stimulating, but communicated no clear picture of the play. After hearing Mr Bowen, it struck me that he had thought and told us what he thought. Ms Wheen and Mr Schuman told us much more what they had felt. Feeling is no substitute for thinking, particularly when, in the kind of thinking John Bowen gave us, the feeling is implicit.

David Wade

God's gift to the musical

The Phantom of the Opera Her Majesty's

One thing is clear: Gaston Leroux's famous story is God's gift to the musical theatre. It wraps up the legends of Faust, Svengali, and Beauty and the Beast into a grand death rattle of romantic agony. It turns a theatre - the Paris Opera - into a replica of the universe, from the Statue of Apollo above to the infernal regions with their furnaces and stygian lake. And, musically, not only does it unfold to an accompaniment of the operatic repertoire, but also features a protagonist who is himself a great composer.

Some of these opportunities have been seized by Andrew Lloyd Webber and his collaborators, and projected with stunning showmanship in Harold Prince's production. But their full range has been much restricted by the decision to present the events as, above all, a tragic love story. That indeed is the main-spring of Leroux's plot in which the hideously deformed Erik, hiding in the catacombs of the theatre, conceives a desperate passion for the young soprano, Christine, teaches her to sing like an angel, and then spirits her away to his lair where an aristocratic rival - the gallant young Raoul - appears on the scene. But Erik is also a prankster and much of the story's vitality depends on the

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jokes he plays on the opera's employees and its wretched managers.

The musical opens with an auction, long after the events, showing the aged Raoul sipping up memories of his youthful romance - rather along the lines of Zeffirelli's posthumous prelude to Traviata. That sets the sombre tone of the evening. Then, after a brisk rehearsal scene, showing the coryphees and the vastly self-satisfied lead singers battling through an old war-horse called Hannibal - with a full-scale elephant - romance closes in.

Raoul pursues Christine to her dressing room, where he is overheard by the Phantom who promptly materializes around the magic mirror and leads her down to his house by the lake.

This is the biggest miscalculation in Richard Stilgoe's book: from the start it reveals the Phantom as a man, instead of springing that disclosure after a succession of seemingly supernatural incidents. As a result, there is precious little thrill in hearing his disembodied voice or witnessing his apparition as the Mask of Red Death at the company's masquerade party. Nor do we ever learn how he performs his tricks. Instead of revealing them as the work of a master ventriloquist and conjurer, they remain mysteries somehow performed by a man whose only visible skill is to crash out discharges on his subterranean harmonium.

Queer Folk Playhouse, Nottingham

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Cameo Word Up (Club JABH 19) Richard Thompson Daring Adventures (Polydor POLD 5202)

with a cheerful, jaunty stride; you get the feeling that nothing gets Larry Blackmon down for long...

zazz swing song "Al Bowly's in Heaven" which deftly conjures the air of war-time romance and subsequent hard times with which, paradoxically, the Fifties' crooner was not particularly associated...



Aural echoes: Larry Blackmon (above) leads Cameo through their paces, while Iggy Pop (left) steps back from the shadow of David Bowie

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The idiosyncratic kinks and more bombastic elements of Pop's former delivery have been neatly ironed out, while he will surely gain access to a wider market with this album...

Talkin', originally released in America in 1980, and unavailable until now. Although less imaginative and distinctive than his subsequent recordings, it is still a good blues album by any standards...

For those who have thrilled to Robert Cray's contemporary re-working of the blues theme on his albums Bad Influence and False Accusations, Charly have thoughtfully leased the tapes of Cray's first album Who's been

David Sinclair

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Ghost of a chance

It is to be hoped that gremlins haunting rehearsals for the musical The Phantom of the Opera will soon disappear...

Falling stars

Sir John Tooley, general director of the Royal Opera House, is bemoaning the lack of talented singers. The number of truly distinguished tenors in the world over the past 25 years has dropped, he says...

The Arts Council has awarded some grants on the state of the arts in Britain. In 1983/84, for instance, the Government spent £36 million on military bands, while the Arts Council allocation for orchestral and other music was £6 million.

Tate and Weil

An art lover writes: "Perhaps someone in authority should take a look at the system which permits the Tate to ignore the centenary of the organization which upheld the finest traditions of British art."

The complainant is Al Weil, an American, who is miffed by the gallery's refusal to arrange an exhibition celebrating the



Brabazon and Whistler foundation of the New English Art Club in 1886, whose members included Whistler and Sargent. Weil, who played a prominent role in the campaign to establish a Turner Gallery, airs his latest grievance in a catalogue for an exhibition of the work of the French impressionist, Hercules Brabazon. The Tate, he observes, keeps its 24 donated Brabazon's in storage.

Bubbling out

Associates of Sir Peter Hall say he is eagerly awaiting the next round of Arts Council funding to find out if there will be enough cash in the kitty to stage a spectacular departure from the National Theatre when his contract expires in 1988. The Arts Diary invites readers to suggest an appropriate production for Sir Peter's South Bank swan-song. Bottles of bubbly for the best submissions.

Gavin Bell

Studious horn doodles

JAZZ RECORDS

Miles Davis Tutu (Warner Bros 925 490-1) Courtney Pine Journey to the Urge Within (Island ILPS 9846)

More than 70 albums separate Tadd Dameron from Joey Dee on my shelves; they are by Miles Davis, they are full of the beauty and truth of great art, and they come collectively behind only the Bible and Shakespeare on the list of items to be salvaged in time of disaster.

This is the trumpeter's first album away from the CBS label in 30 years, and it is certainly tempting to see his re-emergence with the full panoply of Warner Bros' pop-style promotion as an unusually significant moment in his eventful and illustrious career.

The point about Tutu is surely that this is the first record Miles Davis has made in which there appears to be no real-time interaction between the trumpeter and other musicians. Like the records of such current chart heroes as Cameo and Art of Noise (which from time to time it closely resembles), Tutu is sample-and-hold music born in laboratory conditions, pieced together by means of a technology that encourages manipulation of sound and effect without limit.

What Davis does here is doodle his spindly muted-horn lines against sumptuously textured backing tracks whose high-gloss finish is a tribute to the skill of Marcus Miller, Davis's erstwhile bass-guitarist, who wrote six of the eight tunes, played most of the instruments and created the arrangements.

This is music made in vitro, and it has been rather disturbing to read, in recent interviews, Davis extolling the virtues of electronic drum synthesizers. Chiefly he seems to prize their dependability; but does he really believe that the creative force of a Philly Joe Jones or a Tony Williams can be replaced by a microchip? There are what



Manipulating magic: Miles Davis and microchip technology

appear to be several saxophone solos dotted throughout the record, but there is no musician credited on the sleeve and the synthetic nature of this music is such that one is left with the assumption that this, too, is the work of the all-powerful synthesizer programmers.

One thing that can certainly be said about such tracks as "Portia", a shimmering ballad, and the prowling "Backyard Ritual" is that they make more convincing Miami Vice music than anything currently in the charts. Such an aesthetic is, of course, quite congruent with the Miles Davis who has been in and out of gossip columns, silk suits and

Ferraris since Eisenhower was president; yet in the end he seems oddly like a bystander at his own party.

As one of the year's major talking points, Tutu has a strong rival in Journey to the Urge Within, the first album by a young saxophonist on whose behalf great claims are being made, not least that he is leading a new generation of black British jazz musicians.

As an instrumentalist, Courtney Pine is still working his way through the texts inscribed in wax by Coltrane and Rollins. He is by no means as rounded or convincing an improviser as, say, Iain Ballamy or Jamie Talbot, to name two near-contemporaries.

Richard Williams

ies; nor is he yet showing signs of achieving the sort of originality that distinguishes such older men as Tony Coe and Art Themen.

So while what is going on around him at the moment can fairly be described as hype, it is a pleasure to discover that, with Journey, he has made a remarkably successful attempt to justify the acres of publicity. Pine may be attracting the cut of his overcoat, but he stands a chance of holding on to them through his honest projection of the music's natural resources.

The variety of settings shows a keen mind at work, from the straightforward tenor-and-rhythm hard pop of "Seen" through the covers of Horace Silver's "Peace" and Wayne Shorter's "Delores" to a charming pointillist conversation between the leader's bass clarinet, Cleveland Walker's voice and Gary Crosby's admirable bass on a piece called "C.C.C." Particularly striking are two pieces, "Miss-Interpret" and "When, Where, How and Why", imaginatively constructed by Pine for the unusual combination of trumpet, two saxophones, voice, vibes, piano, bass and drums.

The fluid grace with which Pine's soprano saxophone phrases the lifting, Coltraneish 6/8 theme of his own "I Believe" indicates his true potential. I am less sure about the inclusion of a straight-forward pop-soul song, the Amoo brothers' drably predictable "Children of the ghetto", with a vociferous Sessye Green, the former Supreme. Recorded a month later than the rest of the album, and supervised by Roy Carter rather than the experienced American producer Michael Cuscuma (who brings a Blue Note-style depth to the rest of the tracks), it seems to have been added as an afterthought, as if someone's nerve suddenly broke at the prospect of releasing a pure-blooded jazz album. Still, an appearance by Pine on Top of the Pops would do no harm at all.

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PAPERBACKS

Another side of the hill

Burma, The Longest War, 1941-1948 by Louis Allen (Dent, £8.50)

Those who have been brought up on Bill Slim's classic Defeat into Victory, or who have had their interest in the Burma campaigns whetted by James Lum's recent A Hell of a Licking, will welcome Louis Allen's Burma in paperback.

The fascination of his 650-page tome lies in the way in which he looks at both sides of the hill. He is a Japanese linguist, and so has been able to marry together the vast accumulations of British and Japanese material, which have built up over the last 40 years, into a balanced two-sided account of the fighting and its aftermath.

In those 40 years, our perceptions of the Japanese have been changing as we have come to know them better. Louis Allen helps the process. The Japanese commanders and soldiers in his account cease to be the brutal wartime stereotypes and become human beings. He provides a singular insight into their true ambitions, plans, responses, arguments, and intrigues, matching them with

The Crested Library (Century Hutchinson)

This new paperback series is launched today with six titles. It will include classic reprints, first paperback editions, and titles that cry out to be made available in cheap and widely accessible editions.

In the last category there is Britain by Mass-Observation, arranged and written by Tom Harrison and Charles Madge (£5.95), the pioneering experiment in social research, which gave a unique portrait of the British in the Thirties, and has been unavailable since its first publication in 1939. It was the first popular sociology by and for the people. This edition has a new introduction by Angus Calder.

From Flonghail to Parliament by Joseph Arch, with a preface by Norman Willis (£5.95) is the life story of the farmer's boy from darkest Warwickshire, who started working on the land at the age of nine. Travelling the country in search of work in the lean 1820s, he became appalled by the miserable earnings and hard lives of the agricultural workers. During the agricultural depression of the 1860s he set up to rally them to fight for decent conditions. This was the beginning of the

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National Agricultural Labourers Union, which Arch led for many years. The other titles in the new series are: Wittgenstein by W.W. Bartley III (£5.95); China, A Short Cultural History by C.P. Fitzgerald (£7.95); A Short History of Ireland by J.C. Beckett (£5.95); The Best Circles by Leonard Davidoff (£4.95), an examination of the Victorian and Edwardian social season, with an introduction by Victoria Glendinning.

A Handbook for Visitors from Outer Space by Kathryn Kramer (Faber, £4.96)

This first novel became something of a cult book when it was published in the United States two years ago. It is part fantasy, part suburban American, and all original and clever. No one knew when the war had started, by whom or with what purpose. It had not been declared. Those who tried to join up could not discover where to present themselves...

Hawkesmoor by Peter Ackroyd (Abacus, £3.95)

This combination of psychological thriller, ghost story, metaphysical tract, and

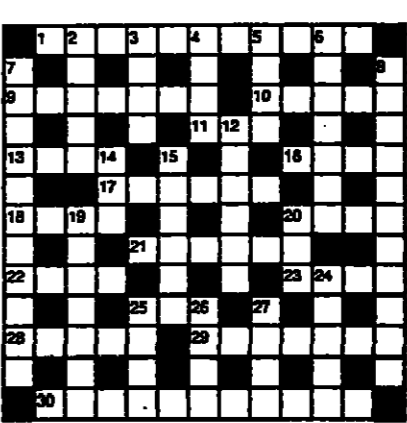
historical won the Whitbread prize for novel of the year last year, and will make the toughest flesh creep. There is something nasty in the foundations of churches built in the reign of Queen Anne around the Cities of Westminster and London and up the road at Wapping. Ghastly murders today suggest that the past is still alive. It is also a philosophical book tackling such matters as the meaning of history and the nature of Evil. I should not read it alone and late at night.

Philip Howard

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1077

Prizes of the New Collins Thesaurus will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, October 16, 1986. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 1 Pennington Street, London, E1X 9J. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, October 18, 1986.

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Creating operatic problems

Chausson: Le roi Arthur Soloists, French Radio Chorus and New PC/Jordan NUM 75271 (Erato/Conifer NUM 75271) (three black discs)

Some of the stories have a familiar ring. A queen and a trusted knight consort in darkness, with a servant to watch and warn. A ruler in disguise, times call up an ancient ally to prophesy from the dead. A body of Christian soldiers is infected with sin. But for all the echoes of Tristan, Siegfried and Parsifal, Chausson's King Arthur makes a powerful stir. Indeed, the echoes have to be there, for the work's subtlety concerns the problem of creating opera after Wagner.

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South Pacific Kanawa, Carreras, Vaughan, Patinkin, LSO/Turick, CBS SM 42205 (Black disc, also CD and cassette)

in almost minimalist terms. These set pieces, with the magnificent Arthur-Merita scene in the second act, are the high spots, for the evocation of Wagner in grand death is more persuasive than the evocation of him in the two big love scenes.

Paul Griffiths

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South Pacific Kanawa, Carreras, Vaughan, Patinkin, LSO/Turick, RCA RL 87005 (2) (two black discs, also CDs and cassettes)

Deutsche Grammophon's highly successful (in commercial terms, anyway) use of two operatic stars - Kiri Te Kanawa and José Carreras - to sing the leading roles in last year's recording of West Side Story has prompted another company, CBS, to try the

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same "crossover" trick with South Pacific, the 1949 Rodgers and Hammerstein blockbuster. The Emile de Beque part was actually conceived by Rodgers for an operatic voice; Carreras is definitely a tenor - but the conductor of this recording, Jonathan Tunick, is a deft and experienced hand at transposing and adjusting orchestrations. And Carreras does sing "Some enchanted evening" gloriously; sustaining the crescendo effortlessly, adding a hammy but undeniably effective sob on "across a crowded room".

Then there is Sarah Vaughan, doing something smokily inimitable, improvisatory and brilliant to "Bali Ha'i" and "Happy Talk". The LSO plays well, though Tunick's conducting is a little clipped and unexpansive. But when Hammerstein penned the immortal thought that there is nothing like a dame, I do not think he had

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dames like Dame Kiri in mind. She makes every effort, in "Honey Bun" especially, to rein in the "operatic" tone, but never really decides between a Julie Andrews sort of plummy crooning, or an unsettling and unconvincing attempt to be raucous.

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The woodwind are never allowed to be individual; the "national" dances suffer in particular from this snave, characterless approach. Rohzdenovskiy, Dorati and Ansermet are all closer to the real Tchaikovsky spirit.

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THE WEEK AHEAD



DANCE SOLO FLIGHT: Maedee Duprés, born in Switzerland, came to London intending a musical career...



BOOKS FALLEN IDOL: Anthony Eden (as seen by Low) was the golden boy of British politics whose career was destroyed by ill-health and the Suez crisis...



THEATRE LOVE LORE: Georges Feydeau, the master of French farce, makes his Royal Shakespeare Company debut with Scenes From a Marriage...



ROCK GOLDEN GIRL: Whitney Houston's first British concert promises to be a lavish and much talked about affair...



TELEVISION WEST WORLD: Timothy West, whose portraits from life include Edward VII, Sir Thomas Beecham and Winston Churchill...



CONCERTS DOUBLE BLOW: Eddie Daniels, the young American clarinetist, follows a distinguished line, which includes Benny Goodman and Wynton Marsalis...

FILMS OPENINGS

NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET II - FREDDY'S REVENGE (18): A rapid sequel to the lively horror hit of 1984...

SELECTED

THE GOOD FATHER (15): Middle-class London life is adroitly put under the microscope...

FILMS OPENINGS

No 2, Antony Pay solos in Clarinet Concerto No 1, Melvyn Tan (fortepiano) in the Korzariadok...

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FILMS OPENINGS

Essex University (0206 863211). TED HAWKINS: His London dates have been a spectacular success...

SELECTED

THE SMITHS: Birmouth back on the road, with Marr and Co sounding more than ever like a rock band after their American tour...

GALLERIES OPENINGS

PAINTING IN SCOTLAND: Painters of the Scottish Enlightenment including Ramsay, Raeburn and Willie in major exhibition first shown in Edinburgh...

SELECTED

NEW ARCHITECTURE: An extraordinary world where the British architects Foster, Rogers and Stirling's dreams come true...

GALLERIES OPENINGS

Dulwich Picture Gallery, College Road, London SE21 (01-683 5254) from Wed.

SELECTED

LILLIAN: Frances de la Tour as Lillian Hellman in a piece by William Luce...

OPENINGS

BEHIND HEAVEN: Black comedy/playwright Jonathan Moore, as seen at the Royal Exchange, Manchester...

SELECTED

THE SECRET LIFE OF CARTOONS: Una Stubbs, Derek Griffiths, Geoffrey Hughes and James Warwick...

OPENINGS

at Watford, now directed by Paul Unwin, with Teresa Boden, Pauline Yates and John Ronane...

SELECTED

THE LETTER (1940): Betta Davis pulling out the melodramatic stops in Somerset Maugham story of crime and passion in the Far East...

OPERA

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: The monodrama English postures of Jonathan Miller's stylish 1920s Mikado...

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE NEW SADLERS WELLS OPERA: Personal booking phone for Ruddigore and The Court of Luxembourg...

CONCERTS

SACRED VERDI: Giuseppe Sinopoli conducts the Philharmonia Chorus and Orchestra in Verdi's Four Sacred Pieces...

CONCERTS

GERMAN REQUIEM: Brahms's German Requiem is performed by the London Symphony Chorus...

CONCERTS

HUNTING FATHERS: The Britten/Tippett Festival reaches the former's Our Hunting Fathers...

CONCERTS

WEBER'S 200TH: Another Weber bicentenary concert: The Age of Enlightenment plays the Freischütz and Oberon Overtures...

CONCERTS

EVERYMAN: Returns with a potent documentary on the often forgotten war in Afghanistan...

CONCERTS

THE SOUTH BANK SHOW: Profiles the great violinist, Itzhak Perlman, who talks from his home in New York about the development of his distinctive style...

CONCERTS

ON TOUR: London Festival Ballet takes Coppelia to the New Theatre, Hull (0482 23053) Tues-Oct 18 while its offshoot, LF2, visits Parc and Diana Hall, Treasury (Tues, Wed) and Teatr Hafren, Newtown (Fri and Oct 18) with modern works by Béjart...

CONCERTS

NEW MODEL ARMY: The trio from Bradford continue their tour to promote the excellent The Ghost of Cain album...

CONCERTS

MAVIS ON 4: Mavis Nicholson, one of the most accomplished of TV interviewers, starts a new twice weekly series...

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NEVER COME BACK: Classic 1941 crime story by John Mair, long out of print but about to be re-issued...

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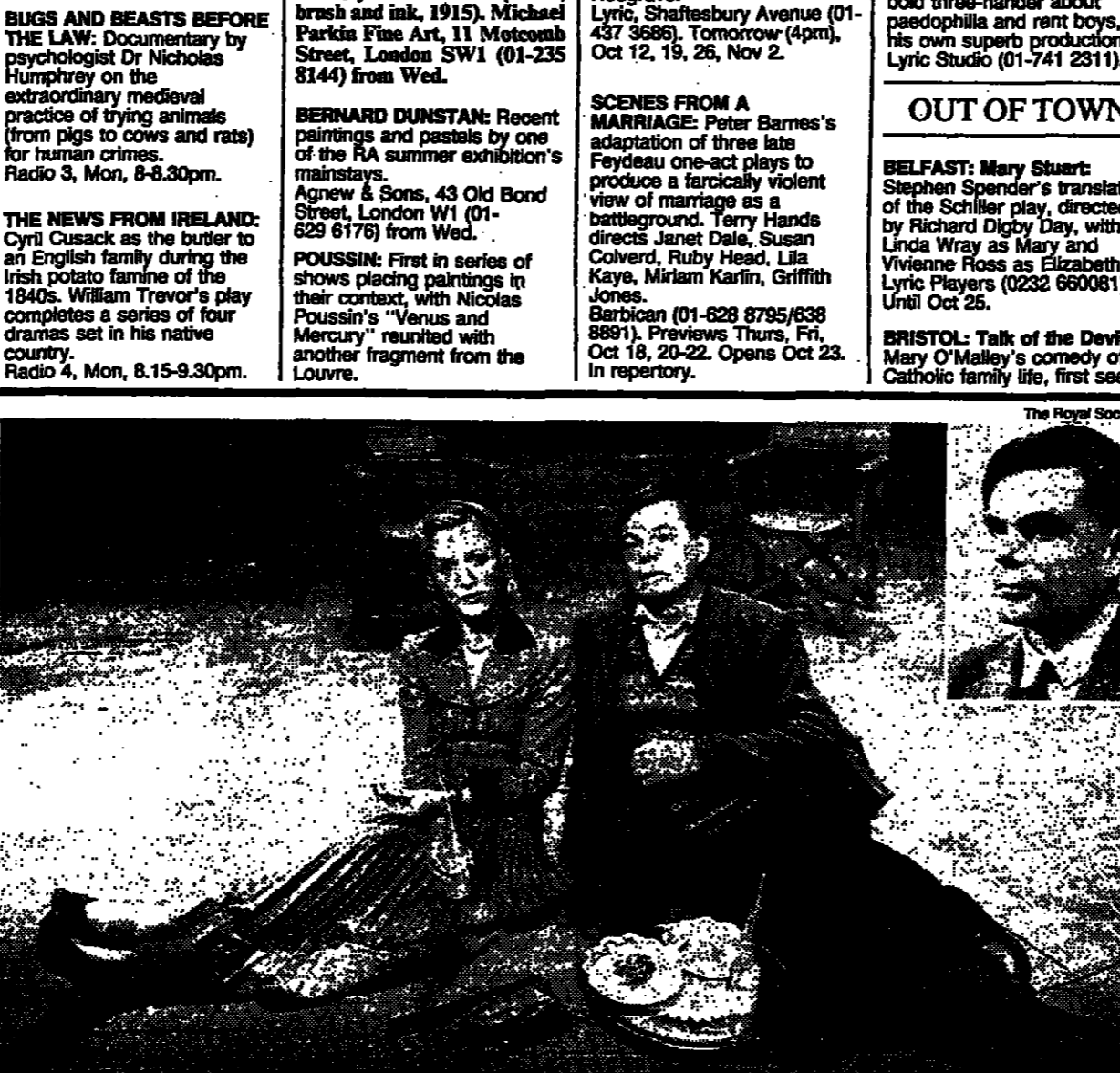
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Codebreaker and friend: Joanna David and Derek Jacobi star in Hugh Whitmore's tribute to Alan Turing (inset)

Sum total of a forgotten genius

Derek Jacobi returns to the West End next week to play one of the most extraordinary Englishmen of this century in Breaking the Code. Hugh Whitmore's new play is the story of Alan Turing, the mathematical genius credited with being the father of the modern computer whose work at Bletchley Park during the Second World War did more than any other to break the German Enigma codes...

1983 which was the spur for Whitmore, looking for a character to fit Jacobi's particular skills. 'I am neither mathematician nor homosexual - it was all outside my range. But having read the book I just had to make it a play,' says Whitmore, whose recent work includes Pack of Lies about the Kroger spy case. Hodges's biography was heavy on mathematical analysis while Whitmore wanted to concentrate on delving into the darker recesses of Turing's restless personality. But he says he found himself writing a long speech in the first act devoted to the intricacies of mathematical paradox. 'It's actually very complicated, but to Derek's and my amazement the preview audiences not only listened - they laughed at the paradoxes in it. It was a wonderfully rewarding thing to hear.' The play carries an indictment of the fear and ignorance of homosexuality in post-war years. Turing was arrested and convicted, then made to undergo a year-long course of female hormone injec-

tions, popularly believed to reduce or eradicate the homosexual urge. He found he was growing breasts and though outwardly appearing to conquer his humiliation, committed suicide two years later in 1954 in a typically unique fashion - eating an apple soaked in cyanide. His favourite film had been Snow White, his favourite scene the one where the Wicked Witch dangled an apple in a boiling brew of poison. Says Whitmore: 'He was a type of Renaissance Man, a theorist, a visionary, and a practical man who could make things with his own hands. He had ideas which were enormously far-reaching and ambitious but he put them into practice.' Jacobi, whose career is already distinguished, will be making his first West End appearance in a new play with Breaking the Code. Of Turing he says: 'He was a man who was outwardly grey - but who thought in rainbows.'

Christopher Wilson

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GERSHWIN EVENING

WEDNESDAY 22 OCTOBER AT 7.45 p.m.

TO COMMEMORATE THE BATTLE OF TRAFALGAR

FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER AT 7.45 p.m.

Borodin... POLYLOVIAN DANCES

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## SPORTS DIARY

Simon Barnes

### Tories rule out, OK?

Margaret Thatcher's powers know no limit. She and her colleagues are responsible for postponement of today's needle match between Bournemouth and Gillingham, lying respectively second and third in the Third Division. The League was aware of the dates for the Tory conference in Bournemouth when it arranged the schedule at the beginning of the season: what it did not anticipate was that security would have been so intensive, with the local constabulary putting in hours and hours of overtime, that, come Saturday, none would be available for duty at Dean Court. (Not, I would have thought that many hobbies would be needed to keep the crowd in order in sedate, balmy, bourgeois Bournemouth, though I could be wrong.) Club secretary Brian Tiler has no hard feelings. Had the match been played, he says, Mrs T would have been invited — "and she would have got a good game".

### Under the lash

Time has not mellowed former National Hunt jockey John Francombe; nor has it convinced him that stewards are wonderful people after all. In his new book, a thriller co-written with James MacGregor called *Evesdropper*, he has included a memorable portrait of a senior steward of the Jockey Club: "Gazing at the riding whips on display in the window, he was reminded of the large fine he had imposed at a recent enquiry on two young jockeys for excessive use of that implement in a photofinish at Kempton. As far as he was concerned, that sort of thing was best left to the bedroom." Apparently any resemblance to any real persons, living or dead, is purely coincidental. I'm glad about that.

### Stolen thunder

Life and racing is never less than cruel. When the field in a five-horse conditional jockeys selling handicap hurdle was reduced overnight to two runners last Saturday, Leesa Burnham must have thought her chances of chalking up her first winner as a jockey had never been better. Sure enough, she managed to pilot her mount Kalimpong home in first place. But she was then disqualified and placed last, or at any rate second: her horse went right on the run-in and the rival Kitty Wren was promoted to first place to steal whatever tiny piece of glory was still going.

### Cash flow

Fascinating facts: expenditure on sponsorship last year totalled £167 million. Of that, £150 million went to sponsor sport, though the arts are rapidly improving. This year, it has been projected, sponsorship will go up 14 per cent.

Quote of the week, by Geoffrey Boycott on the Yorkshire troubles: "The knife was in right from the start. By the end, so was the fork."

### Bullyproof

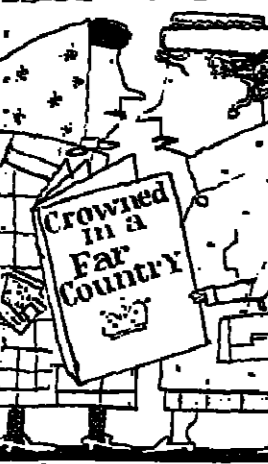
Ian Taylor plays for England in what is probably the most dangerous position in all ball games. He is the goalkeeper as England battle in the hockey World Cup in Wiltshire. A batsman facing the West Indian fast bowling battery has an easier time. The West German goalkeeper lost a testicle in one match, and Taylor himself once received a blow in the box that frightened the life out of him. His protective equipment is elaborate in the extreme, and includes a chest pad used by the Metropolitan Police as part of their riot gear. Taylor said: "Some young players keep goal with just a bit of foam sewn into their shirt. Get one in the sternum and it's curtains."

### Khan the king

As the squash season gets under full swing, the question again arises: is Jahangir Khan the greatest sportsman in the world? Does anyone in the world dominate his sport to the extent that Jahangir dominates squash? He has not lost a match since April 1981: he has hardly ever seemed threatened. An extraordinary man. As he says in his book, *Winning Squash*: "I was the youngest, smallest, feeblest, and sickest of the family... I had two hernia operations by the age of 12, but all that did was to strengthen my determination." If anyone thinks there is an athlete with comparable domination over his/her sport, write and tell me.

BARRY FANTONI

### HATCHARDS



"At least the signature's genuine"

# MacGregor: stumbling block or saviour?

Reading Ian MacGregor's book about the miners' strike, inaccurate as it is about certain critical events, aroused in me a mixture of sadness, irritation and downright anger. These feelings were followed by amusement over the description of Horatio MacGregor single-handedly holding the bridge and his derisive opinion of senior management.

The truth is that on taking up his post he explained that he had studied the Board's recent annual reports and accounts, the report of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the NCB management and had been briefed by Sir Norman Siddall, the outgoing chairman. He announced that he agreed with the analysis of the problems facing the industry and the way they were being tackled, and that previous policies would be continued. Despite what he says in the book that was the management's position under his command until the strike in March 1984, our intention was to avoid confrontation.

He now says that early in the new year it became obvious that there would be a strike; that Peter Walker, the Energy Secretary, realized it was inevitable after MacGregor's appointment. Walker is described as content to let events take their course.

But at the very end of that February Walker told MacGregor that confrontation was not wanted and that in presenting the coalfield objectives for the year ahead potential flashpoints were to be avoided. Coal Board area directors were instructed accordingly.

The board member responsible for advising George Hayes, the South Yorkshire area director, failed to speak to him in time. Had he done so the proposed closure of the Cortonwood pit, which precipitated the strike, would have been presented on March 1 quite differently. As it was, the manner of the announcement was inadvertent.

Sir Ian's description of the management's conduct during the strike is also misleading. He gives the impression that the miners in Nottinghamshire, South Derbyshire and Leicestershire continued to work because they opposed Scargill and the NUM's opposition to pit closures, and because they didn't feel "particularly threatened in their own jobs." The fact is that they refused to strike because they were denied a national ballot. In all other respects they followed the NUM policies,

**Ned Smith, former NCB head of industrial relations, challenges his boss's account of the events leading up to the 1984 coal strike and the way it was handled**

including the continued implementation of the overtime ban. MacGregor does not mention that earlier in the strike, on the advice of his clandestine outside advisers, he wanted to offer the working miners in Nottinghamshire a 5.2 per cent wage increase in order to end their overtime ban. He was restrained with the utmost difficulty from an act which would have brought all the working coalfields to a standstill. Roy Lyne, who had assumed the leadership of the Nottinghamshire miners, had heard a rumour of this and made it clear to me that such action would bring the Notts men out on strike.

MacGregor gives a glowing account of his "second front" policy of using armoured vehicles to bring men into work. But he makes no mention of the fact that as part of that policy he intended to move NCB stocks of coal from strikebound pits despite opposition from his colleagues and was prevented only by major customers, especially the CEBG, who refused to be parties to an act that could have brought power stations to a standstill.

The chapter in the book concerning the dispute with Nacods, the pit deputies' union, can only be described as fantastic. Like the NUM strike, that proposed by Nacods was unwarranted, but MacGregor's interpretation of its motives is nonsense. He virtually ignores the early negotiation with Nacods in October under the auspices of Acas, the conciliation and arbitration service — talks in which MacGregor behaved disgracefully on occasion, not only to the Nacods representatives but to Pat Lowry and his Acas staff.

Subsequently MacGregor and his clandestine advisers, Tim Bell and David Hart, decided that a settlement with Nacods should not be sought. Their view, given in the presence of Jimmy Cowan, my deputy Kevin Hunt and myself, was that they were part of Scargill's "conspiracy" and should be smashed along with the NUM. In describing what then happened MacGregor says he ordered me to take time off to rest. That is not true. On Friday, October 19, I resigned because I would not be party to a Nacods strike — which could have been avoided without compromising management responsibility — and which would have brought the entire industry to a standstill. It was also likely to engender support from the other trade unions.

I came back on October 22 on the instructions of Peter Walker and the clear understanding from MacGregor and Cowan that their policies had been reversed. They negotiated a sensible settlement with Nacods on October 23, and Nacods withdrew its strike threat the following day.

MacGregor also says we could have kept the working coalfields in operation by employing management staff to do Nacods jobs and training people to replace them. But the management association had told us formally that they would not undertake work done by Nacods members and training replacements was technically impossible within the time available. His attitude to this is perhaps the best indication of how little he understood the industry he was appointed to manage.

I believe, and I am sure Ian MacGregor does also, that a negotiated settlement (which would have preserved the right to manage) on these lines could have been obtained in September and again in October. We could not have settled had MacGregor not been pressed by outside advice.

Indeed as late as January 1985, when the "second front" had failed to achieve a mass return to work, MacGregor sought to conclude a negotiated settlement. My meeting with Peter Heathfield, NUM general secretary, on January 21 was under MacGregor's direction; he was pleased and encouraged by the outcome but he later thwarted the effort after outside advice. He barely mentions this attempt and I shall always ponder how things would have turned out had the Board policy approved by the chairman been allowed to proceed.

The general, with help from Mr Rodney Tyler, has written his apology. He won a famous victory which destroyed the enemies of democracy in the NUM and elsewhere and toppled Scargill's campaign to overthrow the government by extra-parliamentary methods akin to revolution. Had he lost, Neil Kinnock would have been imperilled as well as Mrs Thatcher. There would have been no holding the Marxist and far left trade union leaders. The reforms in the 1984 Trade Union Act would have been drowned.

MacGregor could not have won without the resolute support of Mrs Thatcher, about whom at moments he is ungracious, though he recognizes her crucial part as a commander-in-chief who encouraged him to fight in his own way. For Peter Walker, his feelings verge on contempt, regarding him as the worst kind of politician manoeuvring behind his back and forever polishing his personal political relations.

Successful generals tend to be vain and touchy. Sir Ian is not quite in the Montgomery or Patton class in the belief that he was always right and that all difficulties came from his being interfered with or let down by those of inferior understanding and willpower, but not far off.

He recalls telling Mrs Thatcher he would like "a bunch of good untidy American cops" available because "if someone points out to them a law is being broken, then they go and do something about it." The Prime Minister sharply told him this was not America, but it was largely Sir Ian's fault for not taking the Eddie Shah line of pinpointing the ringleaders of the violence and illegal picketing and getting injunctions against them.

As in the Warrington dispute, the police would then have had court orders against named organizers to support effective action. Without court backing the police were hampered in a nebulous world of uncertainty about the possibilities of enforcing the law, as was shown later by the extraordinary reluctance of the courts to convict those charged with violence. Sir Ian hesitated for fear of increasing sympathy for the strikers among the non-striking miners: this judgement, in my view, was wrong.

What did happen was that Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, coordinated police action throughout the country. He had no power to do so and it was the first time the UK had acquired something

**Woodrow Wyatt argues that the tough line taken against Scargill was essential to avoid further huge subsidies and the overthrow of the government's trade union reforms**

like a centrally run national police force. Without Britain's intelligent and adventurous sub rosa activities the thousands of illegal pickets moving from area to area would probably have triumphed, particularly as some local Labour-controlled police authorities were trying to sabotage their own forces. Sir Ian, unusually, gives some credit to Brittan.

As chairman of the NCB Sir Ian's remit was to modernize and make profitable the coal industry after his success with British Steel. He found from high officials downwards a terror of Scargill and a desire to continue the cosy relations with the NUM which had existed since nationalization. Uneconomic pits had been closed, but not fast enough; the attempts to increase productivity were too feeble; the pay settlements outrageously excessive in relation to the huge losses. Management, many of them former NUM officials, and the NUM thought the days of milking the taxpayer would and should never end.

I accept from Sir Ian that there were few in the management on whose whole-hearted loyalties he could rely. Those he removed, ignored or slighted are still muttering that the strike was avoidable; that it need not have lasted so long; that Sir Ian's handling of the dispute was bad. They say that because under previous regimes they would rapidly have signed surrender terms under which the remnants of the NCB's rights to manage would have been transferred to the NUM.

It is true that the strike might have ended earlier but for the constant talk of negotiations which Scargill was able to present

as an impending collapse of the NCB, thus discouraging many miners then building up their courage to go back to work. For floating the debilitating idea that peace talks without victory were in process Sir Ian blames Peter Walker, who had lost his nerve and feared for his political reputation; he went so far as to initiate discussions with the TUC without telling Sir Ian.

However there is a valid criticism of the approach towards Nacods, responsible for safety in the mines and without whose presence mines could not operate. The leaders of these moderate men, in an ill defined area between management and miners, were got at by Scargill and persuaded their members to vote their executive authority to start a strike if necessary. The members would not have done so but for Sir Ian making a tactical mistake in withdrawing the arrangement by which Nacods members were paid at strike-bound pits even if, in many instances, they did not go down or even sign on.

Not much money was involved; it was foolish to inflame Nacods to the point at which it almost went on strike and closed the pits kept going by working miners which were so essential to ensure Scargill's defeat. Sir Ian is touchy about criticism of the victimization of working miners after the strike. When I saw him in his flat he was more than mildly irritated with me for suggesting that management had let down thousands of these loyal men by telling them: "You've made your bed. Now lie on it." Then he asked me to go with him next day to Nottingham and talk to the NCB management board. After listening to our discussion, in which I produced cases of indifference to the hardships of working miners, he generously said: "Sir Woodrow is right." Much more justice was then done to the working miners.

Sir Ian demonstrates in his book that he is not always easy to get on with. Considerable men who achieved great things are often like that. Undoubtedly he saved the country from enormous damage to its industry and democratic institutions and saved hundreds of millions of taxpayers' money pouring uselessly into steel and coal. Without him trade union reform giving legal rights to individuals for ballots before strikes would not have stuck. He was worth every penny of the large sums paid for his services. He deserved at least a peerage.

## Patrick Leigh Fermor relives a clandestine romance during his 1930s walk from Holland to Turkey

We had left our horses at a water-mill where the carriages had joined them, and now all the horses were grazing unsaddled and unharnessed in a sloping field; a fire was alight already and bottles were cooling in the mill-stream.

The most active of the party had been a pretty and funny girl in a red skirt called Angela. She was a few years older than I, and married, but not happily. We had caught a glimpse of each other at Count Jenő's, and danced with improvised abandon on the noisy evening when Dinah and the Gypsy songs had tangled in mid-air; and I couldn't stop dogging her footsteps. During the crayfish hunt, she leapt about the rocks as nimbly as an ibex, hair flying. As it turned out, she was just as rash and impulsive as I was supposed to be, and prompted, I think, by amused affection on her side and a certain infatuation on mine, a light-hearted affinity had sprung up in a flash. The feast went on late, and abetted by woods and nightfall and the remote part of the forest we had wandered to, all barriers broke down; and we weren't sure where we were until at last we heard our Christian names being called, and ran to the assembly point where horses were being saddled and traces run through.

During the next two nights and days, all unremembered moments seemed a waste. By a stroke of luck, Angela's family were in Budapest, but, for many reasons, meetings were not easy and we cursed the intervening woods. István was an old friend and of course he saw at once how things were and came to the rescue with an irresistible plan: he would borrow a motor car from a friend beyond Deva and the three of us would set out on a secret journey to the interior of Transylvania.

I collected my stuff and made my farewells; for after the jaunt, I would strike south. The die was cast. The car arrived, the two of us set off, and in a few miles Angela jumped in at the appointed place and we drove east rejoicing.

The borrowed vehicle was an old-fashioned, well-polished blue touring car with room for all three in front. It had a canvas hood with a celluloid window in the back and a scarlet rubber bulb which, after a moment's pressure, reluctantly sent a raucous moo out of a convoluted brass trumpet which echoed down the canyons and gave warning to all the livestock on the road. The car pitched about the ruts and the potholes like a boat in a choppy sea and the dust of our progress alongside the Maros formed a ghostly cylinder.

The path to the village ahead was noisy with farmyard sounds and when we had breaded the livestock and barrage of dust clouds, costumes from a score of villages crowded in. Booths were laden with studded leather belts, sheepskin jackets, blouses, kerchiefs and black and white conical fleece hats; there were girths, bits, stirrups, harness, knives, sickles, scythes and festoons of brass and iron sheep-bells bright from the forge; also, icons framed in tinsel

for the Orthodox and branches of rosaries for Roman Catholics; strings of garlic and onions, incendiary green and red spikes of paprika, ashen heives, rakes, hay-forks, crooks, staves, troughs, churns, yokes, flails, carved flutes and wooden cutlery like those the Gypsies whittled in István's courtyard. Pots and jugs and large pitchers for carrying on the shoulder or the head were assembled by the hundred, rows of shoes stood alternately at attention and at ease, and clusters of canoe-toed rawhide moccasins were strung up by their thongs. I bought Angela a pocket-knife and an orange kerchief for the dust and she gave me a yard or two of red and yellow braid for a sash.

We drank *tosica* out of noggins with tall narrow necks at trestle tables under the acacia trees, striving to hear each other speak; but the animals, the shouting of wares, the bargaining, the fiddles, the shrill reeds, the tambourine and flute of a bear-leader and the siege of Gypsy beggars formed so solid a barrier that we bawled in each other's ears in vain. Jews in black were sprinkled among the white tunics and the bright colours of the peasants.

There were Gypsies everywhere: women like tattered mendicant rainbows; sucking infants, though too young for speech, were pitilessly grasping tar-babies already and the men were wilder-looking than any I had ever seen: dark as quadrants, with tousted beards, matted blue-black locks falling to their shoulders and eyes like manes. Drunks lurched in unsteady couples and snored under their cars. Tossing hay-wains were drawn up all round; on one a nomadic hen was rashly laying an egg.

Carts tilted their shafts in the air in a tangle of diagnosis and hundreds of horses of the sturdy Transylvanian breed fidgeted and whinnied and snorted on the outskirts of the village. The place might have been a Tartar camp; and beyond the thatched roofs and the leaves, the western mountain-mass of the old principality ascended in steps to a jagged skyline.

Our journey was a secret. The town of Kolozsvár wasn't as perilous as it would have been in the winter season, with its parties and theatres and the opera in full blast, but we weren't supposed to be there. Angela leapt off, István revelled in the clandestine atmosphere and so did we; it gave a stimulating, comic-opera touch to our journey; we left the conspicuous motor outside our quarters and stole about the town like footpads. István went ahead and peered round corners for fear of bumping into acquaintances; and, sure enough, he suddenly whispered, "About turn!" and shepherded us into an ironmonger's and colourman's shop where, backs to the door, we stooped intently over a selection of mouse-traps until the danger was past. It was someone he had been at school with in Vienna.

The old city was full of town-houses and palaces, most of them



## A memorable lurch into Transylvania

empty now, with their owners away for the harvest. Thanks to this, István had telephoned and borrowed a set of handsome vaulted rooms in one of them.

An hotel at the other end of the main square, called New York, a great meeting place in the winter season, drew my companions like a magnet. István said the barman had invented an amazing cocktail, only surpassed by the one called "Flying" in the Vier Jahreszeiten bar in Munich, which it would be criminal to miss. He stalked in, waved the all-clear from the top of some steps, and we settled in a strategic corner while the demon-barman went mad with his shaker. There was nobody else in the bar; it was getting late and the muffled lilt of the waltz from *Die Fledermaus* hinted that everyone was in the dining-room. We sipped with misgiving and delight among a Regency neo-Roman décor of cream and ox-blood and gilding; Corinthian capitals spread their acanthus leaves and trophies of quivers, and hunting horns, lyres and violins were caught up

with festoons between the pillars. Our talk, as we sipped, ran on secrecy and disguise. "Perhaps I should pretend to have toothache," Angela said, after the second cocktail, and wrapped the new kerchief round her head in a concealing bandage: "or," holding it stretched across her face below the eyes, "wear a yashmak. Or simply cover the whole thing up." She wrapped her head in the kerchief and tied it in a bow on top like a Christmas pudding.

The man imperceptibly set down a third round of glasses and then vanished just as Angela re-emerged, shaking her hair loose, to find the drinks there as though by magic. I suggested the helmet of darkness of Perseus. István thought Siegfried's Tarnhelm would be better still: then she could not only become invisible but turn into someone else: King Carol, Greta Garbo, Mussolini and Groucho Marx were suggested, then the Prince of Wales or Laurel and Hardy; one of the two; she would have to choose, but she insisted on both.

The drinks were beginning to work. We left, walking with care and suitable stealth, and on air; then dived into a hooded carriage that would have been a sleigh in winter and clip-clopped to a discreet Gypsy restaurant outside the town, returning to our fine vaulted quarters fired with paprika and glissandos.

How exhilarating it was next morning to be awakened by the discord of reciprocally schematic bells while the half-shuttered July sunlight scattered stripes across the counterpane! Furred and froged, the magnates on the walls of the breakfast room surveyed us with their hands serenely crossed on the hilts of their scimitars. We looked at them in turn and admired the many tiers of emblazoned bindings. Heralded by fumes, a very old retainer in a beige apron brought coffee and croissants from a distant part of the house and talked to us as we spread and dipped and sipped; and his tidings from the night before unlocked a long moment of gloom: Dolfuss had been assassinated by the Nazis.

At Segesvár we put up at an inn with gables and leaded windows in a square lifted high above the roofs and the triple cincture of the town wall and dined at a heavy oak table in the Gastzimmer. The glasses held a cool local wine that washed down trout caught that afternoon, and every sight and sound — the voices, the wine-glasses, the stone mugs and the furniture shining with the polish of a couple of centuries — brought it closer to a Weinstube by the Rhine or the Neckar. When István retired, Angela and I sat on in the great smoky room holding hands, deeply aware that it was the last night but one of our journey.

There are times when hours are more precious than diamonds. The gable-windows upstairs surveyed a vision of great unreality. The moon had triumphed over the mute fireworks to the east and the north and all the dimensions had been re-shuffled. We leaned on the sill and when Angela turned her head, her face was bisected for a moment, one half silver, the other caught by the gold glow of lamplight indoors.

Our leisurely mornings and late starts — mine and Angela's fault — had set our programme back. The subterfuges and stratagems on which our journey depended were in danger of breakdown.

"To horse!" István said, emptying his glass. We climbed in and started off. We were soon scorching along the road. The rain-soaked landscape and the flocks of clouds rushing across the sky had made us lower the hood.

But no sooner had we struck the old highway beside the Maros than fate began to scatter our route with troubles. New since our passage there two days earlier, an untimely road-gang with a steam-roller and red flags had roped off potholes which had remained untouched for years. Maddened by frustration, István foiled them at last by cutting a bold semi-circular cattle across a stubble field. Next we were held up by a

collision of sleep-walking buffaloes with a gigantic threshing-machine crawling along a stretch of road with woods on one side and on the other a sharp drop to a water-meadow; and finally, a mile or so short of the last station before our destination, there was a puncture, the second that day; just as we were tightening the last screws on the freshly patched-up spare wheel, the boot of a train reached us from behind. Then we saw the familiar smoke-plume appearing along the valley and heard the puffing and the clatter, and there it was. We leaped into the car as nimbly as firemen and István seized the wheel.

Swing-wells and fields of maize and tobacco stood behind and the dust rose all about us in expanding clouds. The windscreen was one of the old-fashioned kind that divide lengthways, and when István twisted a milled brass knob at the side, the lower edge of the top half lifted outwards and the wind of our pace roared through us. All at once we were shooting through thousands and thousands of sun-flowers; then, far ahead, the guard's van came in sight. The train was slowing up for Simeria, the last halt before our target; and just as it was moving on again we drew alongside.

As it picked up speed, we were neck and neck; the passengers peered out in amazement and we felt like Cheerokees or Assiniboines galloping round a prairie train in feathers and bisons' horns. István was crouched over the wheel, shirt-sleeves rolled up, grinning fiercely like a ribbon-eyed demon of speed with ribbed black-mackintosh wings; and as we pulled ahead, he let out a joyful howl; we joined in, and the train hooted as though in capitulation. Angela was hugging herself, shoulders hunched and teeth bared with excitement, hair flying out straight in the slipstream.

When we reached Deva station, the train was just coming into sight again. We seized Angela's bag and started off over the tracks. The station-master waved for us to stop, then, recognizing István, turned it into a salute; and when the train drew up, we were serenely waiting for it under the acacias, which were as immutable a part of a Romanian platform as the three gold rings and the scarlet top of the station-master's cap. Leaning down from her carriage window, she threatened crimson button-holes into our shirts from the bunch of roses and tiger lilies.

Our farewells had been made and I can still feel the dust on her smooth cheek. When the flag and the whistle unlocked the train, she kept waving, then took off the kerchief knotted round her throat and flourished that instead and we gesticulated frantically back. As it gathered speed, the long kerchief floated level until the train, looking very small under the slant of the woods, dwindled and vanished; then it was only a feather of smoke among the Maros trees.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ON THIS DAY

OCTOBER 11 1961

Corporal William Glass, referred to in the leading article, was one of the garrison stationed on the island to prevent any attempt to liberate Napoleon from his exile on St Helena. In 1961 the evacuated islanders were resettled in a disused RAF camp at Colaba. Most of them returned to the island in 1965. In 1968 some of those returned to Britain.

POPULATION TAKEN OFF TRISTAN DA CUNHA

TEMPORARY REFUGE FOR 260 ON BARREN ISLAND RESCUE AS VOLCANO ERUPTS STREAM OF GLOWING LAVA

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT CAPE TOWN, Oct. 10 With the cone of the island's hitherto "dead" volcano glowing in the sky above them, and erupting lava, the whole population of Tristan da Cunha has been taken aboard the vessel Tristania and another small ship for transfer to the desolate Nightingale Island, 18 miles away.

The latest messages report that their morale is "good" but their stay on Nightingale Island will be without comfort. There is neither shelter nor a permanent supply of water there for the 260 men, women and children who will be crowded in. It is expected, however, that the Dutch vessel, Tjaskie, which is on the way from South America, will reach there early tomorrow, and begin the evacuation of the islanders to Cape Town.

... Vice-Admiral Cooper, Commander-in-Chief South Atlantic, reporting a message received by his headquarters from Tristania, said that lava was flowing, and the whole eastern end of the island was "cracking". Great lumps of rock and earth were being forced up to a height of 30 ft. or more. CAPE TOWN, Oct. 10.

Mr. P. J. F. Wheeler, the Administrator of the island, reported from aboard the Tristania that "all British and South African personnel from the island are safe and well". The master of the Tristania reported the beginning of the evacuation at about nine o'clock this morning. "Now trying to get longboats offshore and going down to pick up whole crowd. Hope squeeze whole population on both Repetto and Tristania. Volcano pushed up 150 ft. of lava. Flowing freely and smoking. No actual things flying about."

The islanders' lot, formerly very impoverished, has improved since a fish-canning scheme suggested by the chaplain was launched by the Tristan da Cunha Development Company 10 years ago. The factory has 27 longboats and many of the islanders have small boats of their own. The inhabitants live in a village called Edinburgh, named after a former Duke who visited the island in 1867 - in the north-west corner of the island.

**Dogged Islanders** The stirring of the volcano on Tristan da Cunha threatens a monstrous end to a community that has hung on against the odds for more than 140 years. The settlement lies on a little promontory under the great basalt shoulder of the mountain in mid-ocean nearly 7,000ft. high. It is more than a hundred years since the last recorded earthquake, and the little lake in the crater supplied the islanders with drinking water.

It was in 1817 that CORPORAL GLASS and his family chose to stay behind when the British garrison were taken off. The Admiralty had found supplies too difficult to justify holding a permanent station there to command the South Atlantic. GLASS founded a "Farm" in which "no member shall assume any superiority whatsoever, but all would be considered equal in every respect". The principle has been fairly well maintained. In 1827 the seven men, two women, and two children were reinforced by the arrival of coloured brides from St. Helena for the five bushmen. There were seldom more than forty souls for the rest of the century, scratching a living from potato patches and what the sea provided. In the days of sail their help in shipwreck was celebrated. Some survivors stayed, accounting for two Italian surnames among the eight on the island.

Even the loss of most of their able-bodied men at sea seventy-five years ago did not make the people of Tristan give up. The world took more of an interest in them, and friends in Britain sent help from time to time. Not until the Second World War, when it was commissioned by the Admiralty as HMS Atlantic Isle, did it come into the modern scheme of things. A padre has long been provided by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. The 260 or so islanders now have a fishing industry, a doctor, an administrator, even their own stamps. The Tristan da Cunha Fund was wound up only this year as no longer needed. It is hard that disaster should strike now.

**Nuclear deterrence** From Mr. R. C. Hope-Jones Sir, Is not Sir John Killick being a little disingenuous when he tells us (October 3) that defence policy for the Atlantic has always been the result of collective consultation? He knows very well that both our 1962 decision to purchase Polaris and our 1980 decision to replace it with Trident were taken without any prior consultation with our European Nato Allies.

Had they been consulted, they would probably have urged us to spend the money on something that actually contributed to their security. Our independent nuclear deterrent makes no such contribution, since we know, and they know, and the Russians know that it would only be used in response to a direct nuclear attack on the United Kingdom - if then. Yours truly, RONALD HOPE-JONES, Wellfield House, Hill Lane, Bordon, Hampshire, October 6.

**Time and place** From Mr. G. Pelizer Dunn Sir, I refer to Ms Sarah Houghton's letter (October 7). One Sunday, due to the absence of our regular umpire, I stood in a local club cricket match. Whilst awaiting the delivery of the next ball I was musing upon that morning's sermon which had posed the question "Where is heaven?" At that moment the ball was delivered and struck the batsman's pads, low down right in front of the wicket. The resultant appeal propelled my finger skywards! Yours faithfully, G. PELIZER DUNN, 134 New Church Road, Hove, East Sussex.

THE GOVERNING PARTY

In one month the nature of the political debate has been transformed. In one month the Liberals have shattered the credentials of an Alliance government to defend Britain; the Labour Party has dedicated itself to disarming Britain and destabilising Europe in a manner unprecedented since the founding of NATO. The Tories, who a month ago decided to crowd the Defence debate on to the same day as the Economy, Employment and Law and Order, have found that it is their top electoral asset.

Ms Thatcher made much of this theme yesterday. Hers was a rousing speech in praise of democratic values. But this has not been a month to gladden any democrat's heart. To have only one potential government prepared to provide the country with credible defence - one party which is prone to all the sudden risings and falls of political fortune that are the essence of democracy itself - is a matter for profound misgiving. This week's Conservative Party Conference came at the end of a political year that has shown the Conservative Government to be at different times, incompetent, disunited, and tired almost to death. This week might easily have added to this depressing list the further voices of complacency and arrogance.

That it has not done so, is a tribute to the inner toughness of the Tory party. The much-publicised new programmes by Mrs Thatcher's ministers have gone a long way to restore the Government's momentum. Those same ministers have shown a striking degree of unity. And the unity of Bournemouth can be seen to go a long way beneath the surface of the Conference speeches.

Schools under the spotlight

From Mrs Ida F. Weighell Sir, As a former teacher I have read the checklist for choosing the right school (Spectrum, October 6) with interest. May I suggest one of my own - it is much shorter. Ask 1. your local director of education, 2. the chairman of your local committee of education, 3. the members of your local committee of education, 4. your local MP, 5. the head teachers of your local first, middle and comprehensive schools, 6. the heads of departments of your local colleges of further education, the simple question, "Which schools did/do, your own children/grandchildren attend?".

There can be no greater act of confidence in a particular school than in sending one's children to be educated under its care. Yours faithfully, IDA F. WEIGHELL, 21 Cloister Way, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, October 6.

Sunday threat to greyhound racing

From the Chairman of the British Greyhound Racing Board Sir, The two racing fraternities have always got along well and, as an enthusiastic follower of the turf, I read your recent articles on the call for Sunday horse racing (October 2 and 3) with keen interest. However, on behalf of an industry which in 1985 attracted 4.8 million spectators - over one million more than went horse racing - I should like to raise some additional points.

We in the greyhound racing industry are not against Sunday racing, but there are, in our view, higher priorities. If you have Sunday racing, you will always have betting and without a levy on betting shops, greyhound racing will gain very little. Sunday greyhound racing is already legal in New Hampshire, USA, and in Spain, but they have a tote monopoly and a consequent tax built in, some of which returns to racing. I don't think that a large proportion of the public necessarily wants any Sunday racing and it certainly doesn't appear to need it. If attendances kept increasing on Saturdays, there could be an argument, but they are not.

MEN OF MODEST PROSPECTS

When Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachov sit down together in Reykjavik today, they will be continuing the dialogue that began 11 months ago in Geneva. But neither can afford this time to rest content with established rapport. Which is where the problems start.

Chernobyl disaster, the sinking of the passenger liner in the Black Sea and the recent submarine loss. Probably as a result of the intensive talks conducted by US and Soviet officials since June, the two leaders are going to Iceland with shopping lists which look deceptively similar. Their priorities, however, are quite different. President Reagan has placed human rights at the top of his list, by which he means greater freedom of movement for Soviet citizens, including the right to emigrate, and closer Soviet observance of its obligations under international human rights agreements.

in private, there is most hope for progress. The Soviet side has indicated its own, albeit too limited, recognition of "linkage" by freeing, in advance of the summit, the Christian poetess Irina Ratushinskaya, and allowing a number of "refuseniks" to leave. In return, it is no doubt hoping for some movement on arms control.

Clash over service

From the Rev Canon G. Austin Sir, The action of the Movement for the Ordination of Women in encouraging the use of the most sacred act of worship of the Church as a symbolic act of scorn and defiance should be treated with the contempt which such foolishness deserves. Solemn archiepiscopal injunctions are not the way to deal with a temper tantrum.

The long-term implications are, however, more serious. After hours of democratic synodical debate to decide whether women ordained abroad should be allowed to exercise their priesthood in the Church of England, the Measure failed to achieve the required majority in the Houses of both the clergy and laity (and only barely reached it in the House of Bishops).

Supporters of the ordination of women took an active part in those debates, yet as soon as the attempt to achieve their object by legal means failed, threats were made (and now have been fulfilled) that they would go ahead anyway and encourage illegal acts. Such behaviour is an increasingly familiar but no less ugly feature of modern political life against which the Church should offer a better example.

Debate on Ulster

From Mr John D. Taylor, MP for Strangford (Ulster Unionist) Sir, Is it really possible for the Tory Party to fail to debate the deteriorating situation developing in Northern Ireland which is one of the major political and constitutional issues which has arisen since the last Tory conference and which will certainly influence the final result and possible nature of the Government after the next general election?

I refer, of course, to the Anglo-Irish Agreement by which the present Tory Prime Minister agreed to give a Cabinet minister from another country a greater say in both the administration of the laws and the preparation of new laws for part of the United Kingdom than have the elected British MPs from that part of the United Kingdom.

In November, 1985, Mrs Thatcher assured us that the Anglo-Irish Agreement would be the basis of peace and reconciliation in Ulster. After 10 months those who live in Ulster know the result on the ground to be the opposite. Polarisation, intimidation at work and in the home, violence and terrorism, unemployment - these are notes to the tune of the Anglo-Irish Agreement. It is time for the British Conservative Party - no longer accepted as being in support of Northern Ireland being in the United Kingdom - to assess the results.

Not only do Ulster Unionists feel let down by the Conservatives but both Ulster Unionists, with probably 15 MPs in the next Parliament, and Scottish Unionists now selecting 10 candidates to oppose Conservative MPs in key marginal Scottish seats, will ensure that those who oppose the Tory policy of partial Dublin rule within the United Kingdom will have a major influence on the structure of the next Government.

**Turn of the tide** From the President of the Royal Institute of British Architects Sir, I have just returned from the preview of the Foster Rogers Stirling show at the Royal Academy. Viewed simply as a brilliant piece of visual entertainment the exhibition is stunning; but dull would be of soul who could emerge without a new sense of the resourcefulness, authority and magic of this great contemporary architecture. One sees the whole world with new eyes and a world of new possibilities.

FOURTH LEADER

It is reported from Ryedale, in Yorkshire, that any farmer who is willing to get rid of his modern, electronic bird-scaring device and replace it with the old-fashioned scarecrow will be given £5 out of the rates.

week subscription to The Times. Try as we will, we cannot conjure up the scene presumably envisaged by Ryedale's rulers, in which old-fashioned families from London and Manchester, Pittsburgh and Kansas City, Tokyo and Osaka, descend upon Ryedale in their thousands and fan out into the countryside in search of scarecrows to photograph.

True, the traditional Worzel Gummidge is a delightful figure, with his stick arms, battered hat, frayed waistcoat and straws in his hair, but he is surely sufficiently familiar, both from his many years of service in the fields and from his more recent television career, to make it unlikely that he could divert foreign tourists from the Tower of London or British holiday-makers from the sands of Skegness.

Of course, if Ryedale's See-the-Scarecrow campaign is only part of a larger package encompassing a safari-park, a roller-coaster, a bed for the night in a haunted house and a

country. It has taken the media and the establishment a long time to appreciate their quality and their international standing. I believe this exhibition will mark a turning of the tide not only for these three but for the wealth of gifted architects this country possesses and shamefully underuses. Now, the Royal Academy has given the public a chance to reach their own verdict. In doing so I hope they will give the lie to the tired jibes about modern architecture, most of which in fact apply to bad buildings as much as 20 or 30 years old.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 10. His Excellency Monsieur Jacques Viot and Madame Viot were received in audience by the Queen...

Why a bishop should choose

The hardest moment of the annual meeting of the Movement for the Ordination of Women at Church House last weekend did not come in the Eucharist; on the contrary, that was a natural, restorative and healing event, and the promise of a better future.

Ordination of women

The role-playing bishop expressed the anguish very well. Was he not behind the ordination of women all the way? Was there really anything else he could do, given his position and his responsibilities?

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Service dinners Royal Naval Medical Club Lord Trefgarne, Minister of State for Defence Procurement, was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the Royal Naval Medical Club held at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, last night.

Reception Faculty of Advocates On the occasion of the Faculty of Advocates' biennial dinner, a reception was given by Lord Advocate, Lord Cameron of Lochbroom, QC, and the Solicitor-General, Mr Peter Fraser, QC, MP, in the Great Hall at Edinburgh Castle yesterday evening.

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# Public relations reveal changing face of Russians

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to give full and equal democratic rights to all workers... My mind automatically repeated the stock clichés I had heard so often in my four years in Moscow. Things really did seem to have changed.

The officials went on: "You may have already heard about some of the important developments: the publication of 'pozhar' (the fire), the novel about Rasputin, the publication of Akhmatova's poems - works that raise quite painful problems of our society - the question of the assassination of Kirov, the decision to take account of public opinion and stop the project to reverse the rivers in Siberia." I could scarcely believe what I was hearing.

My neighbour, a correspondent for Associated Press in Moscow in the early 70s, was equally dumbfounded. They were deliberately touching on subjects once so taboo that even Westerners in Moscow used to be uncomfortable at getting into an argument with Russians on Stalinism, Rasputin and the Revolution, the persecution of the intellectuals, the distortions of Soviet history...

The officials went on about the "small revolution in the cinematographers' union". Yes, I had read about it, and seen the commentators in the west about the significance of the attempt to throw off censorship, to chuck out the old party hacks. But here were Russians themselves actually spelling out the political dynamic of events that in the old days everyone pretended were quite routine and did nothing to rock the party boat.

I looked around. Old friends and current correspondents in Moscow seemed quite blasé about it all. It seems this is going on in Moscow every day now. Indeed, the officials were now saying there were "changes in the way of leading people, but the changes have not been going on for long enough yet." They spoke of the "transfer of authority from top to bottom," of the resistance to reform because of the threat to "some interests and

privileges" of decentralization, new management. Then they took questions - not written questions, as it used to be, not planned questions from the loyal East bloc press, but questions about the internal opposition to Gorbachev's nuclear moratorium, about the resistance to the policy of openness.

"I have never met a minister who liked being criticized in any country. Neither do ours," was the reply. "Their work is being discussed on television, on the radio. The party is trying to increase openness in all fields."

As for international economic cooperation, yes, there were changes here too. "During the 20s and 30s the policy of economic isolationism was imposed on us..." (Another breaking of the taboo on the Stalinist legacy). My neighbour was as bemused as I. He spotted Vladimir Sichkov, the photographer who emigrated some years ago with all those startling pictures of ordinary Soviet life that was too frank in the Brezhnev era to pass the censor. "Ten years ago my friends were sent to the Gulag for saying the very things they're saying on the platform now," was his incredulous reaction.

It was, of course, extremely clever. Soviet credibility is swiftly making inroads, and that also is something Moscow, with the gentiest of unspoken comparisons, is trying to show the White House press corps.

Naturally, it was dressed up for foreign consumption. There were clear instructions not to be riled, even by the sharp and extensive questions on Jewish emigration. There was some smart slight-of-hand too. "In the past 40 years 300,000 people have left the Soviet Union, and 300,000 have come back. Emigration is a two-way process." Of course, if you count all the Cossacks and those who "emigrated" after the Second World War.

They say in Moscow it still is more style than substance. But the style is impressive. It is a very different public face of the Soviet Union than the one I remembered in the tired, cynical days of Brezhnev.



Miss Sally Treadwell, organizer of the women's rugby team. (Photograph: Alan Weller)

## Women invade Twickenham

By John Goodbody, Sports News Correspondent

Two mixed rugby union matches between teams of both sexes are to be staged before the England XV versus Japan international at Twickenham this afternoon.

Not since Miss Erica Roe, sport's most celebrated stalker, ran bareheaded across the English head-quarters of the game in 1982 have women straddled on the turf of the headquarters of the English game.

The senior girls for this exhibition of "New Image

Rugby" have been organized by Miss Sally Treadwell, aged 22, the secretary and No 8 of the Wasps Ladies team.

Miss Treadwell is the daughter of a former England player, Bill Treadwell.

She said: "We are all extremely excited about the exhibition games. We play every weekend and train every Wednesday as well."

One match will be between nine and 10 year-old boys and girls and the other between

women and sixth form boys from Hampton School.

In "New Image Rugby", invented in New Zealand, there is no tackling, and in scrums players just lean against each other with no pushing.

Miss Treadwell, a physiotherapist, says: "There is great interest in the sport. We are even going on an Easter tour of Holland. Why did I start playing? Well it was there. I went to watch Wasps and there was a flourishing ladies club."

# Thatcher sets tone for third victory

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nowhere for the patriotic Labour voter to go, except to come with us."

It is the disarray of the SDP-Liberal Alliance over defence as well as the Labour Party's renewed commitment to unilateral disarmament which has left ministers and Tory activists convinced that they have been handed the next election on a plate.

Tory strategists are pointing out that with the Alliance running second to Conservatives in far more seats than Labour, they can afford to lose a large number of seats to Labour.

Some ministers are worried, however, that the Government may have peaked too soon and that the sudden turnaround in confidence is being allowed to build into a dangerous euphoria. They believe that electors would not welcome an early election called while there is no obvious reason for it and are worried about sustaining the present mood until next autumn.

If, as some of them suspect, the next round of opinion polls shows the Government in the lead for the first time in a year the pressure for an early election will become hard to resist.

Mr Kinnock made a furious response to Mrs Thatcher's speech in the week by ministers (the Press Association reports).

In a statement he said that Mrs Thatcher had failed to explain why, if Britain's nuclear weapons were so important, they never seem to go to a place at those conferences which decide our future.

He said: "Her reference to neutrality was so ridiculously unfounded as to be simply scare tactics from a scared party."

In domestic policy she virtually ignored the unemployed, industrial decline, trade losses, the spread of poverty and the state of the currency. There is no joy for anyone in such woe."

# Frank Johnson with the Tories Standing up in hope and glory

The Conservative Party conference in Bournemouth, which had opened on Tuesday with the traditional religious service, yesterday closed with the equally traditional act of worship. This takes the form of an all-denominational standing ovation preceded by the leader's speech.

Faced with this annual occasion, the more squeamish simply flee the town on the Thursday night. Some ministers plead their grannies' funerals but there is limit to the number of times you can do that if you are, yourself, in your sixties.

Other people stay just to sneer. But some of us enter into the spirit of the occasion.

In yesterday's column, it was suggested that the Conservative conference should be compared, not with the Labour conference, but with more typically English institutions such as Glyndebourne, although on reflection it should have been with the interval picnics rather than with the performances.

Likewise, the standing ovation and leader's speech should be seen as essentially the same sort of recurring event as the last night of the proms.

Over the years, reformers have no doubt suggested changes, such as dropping the speech and going straight on to the ovation, just as they have suggested dropping Land of Hope and Glory at the Albert Hall event. But many of us regard the speech as a bit of simple fun which has never done any harm to anyone except possibly to Mr Heath when he used to make it.

Among this year's changes was a theme which, almost alone, could win the Tories the election, if they are wise enough to develop it further. "The fact is," said Mrs Thatcher, "education at all levels - teachers, training colleges, administrators - has been infiltrated by a permissive philosophy of self-expression."

During the standing ovation, and with Mrs Thatcher's prospects strangely improved

by this conference season, Cabinet ministers took care not to be the first to sit down. When Mrs Thatcher resumed her seat at one stage, Mr Nicholas Ridley, Mr Kenneth Baker and Lord Young did so too. In Conservative politics, it is regarded as on the whole a sound principle to do everything the leader does except sit down while the leader's standing ovation is still on. Very soon, Mr Ridley, Mr Baker and Lord Young hauled themselves up again.

Sir Charles Johnston, the president of the Conservative National Union, who had formally to thank the Prime Minister, appealed to the audience: "Please sit down." They roared back: "No". This was the first visible split of the week. When he restored order, Sir Charles said that Mrs Thatcher would equal Asquith's occupancy of the premiership by March, 1988, and Walpole's by the year 2000.

Mrs Thatcher left the ball to the singing of Land of Hope and Glory - an addition to the programme introduced only in recent years. This really separated us hardened ovation addicts from those who draw the line somewhere.

The over-fastidious Mr John Biffen stared down and fiddled with his conference badge. Mr Baker, a distinguished wet of constantly referred to as a future prime minister, joined in the singing, which was possible that Sir Charles' reluctance to be quelled by Walpole's record had caused Mr Baker to make a final peace with the dry regime.

It was the last of a week of brilliant ovations, a small number of which followed equally brilliant speeches. Most revealing of all were the ovations won by Mr Tebbit on Tuesday, by Mr Tebbit on Tuesday, and by him again with a tremendous speech earlier yesterday in which he attacked such useful targets as the BBC and the Daily Mirror.

This column will resume when Parliament returns in the week after next.

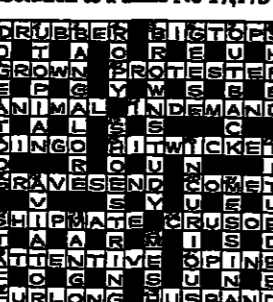
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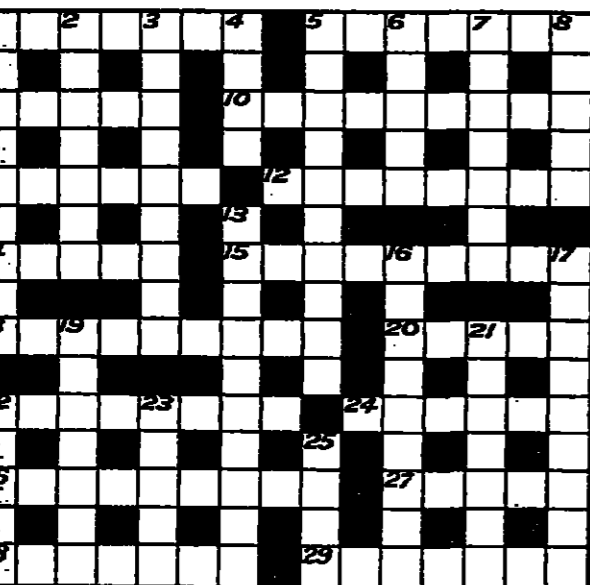
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The winners of last Saturday's competition are: Mr J R Laine, Kimberley Road, Leicester; Mr N O'Neill, Halfmerck South, East Kilbride, Glasgow; Mr W A Williams, Fittleworth Garden, Rustington, W Sussex.

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- ACROSS
- Flannel is more spread out (7).
  - Impressive capital of Alabama? No. of another state (7).
  - Rule about soldier's return to quarter (5).
  - A nut roast cooked for a high flier (9).
  - Welsh support for what's pledged in song (6).
  - Russic makes a stir with OCE reform (8).
  - Losses from strikes (5).
  - Bitter end to speech (9).
  - Northern Ireland, wherein distillery produces drink (5,4).
  - Anthem coped with without books (5).
  - Extraordinary eastern policeman (8).
  - Right to support monarch (6).
  - The criminal is also a healer (9).
  - A single girl going about in the Highlands (5).
  - Get job with Egyptian navy by the back door (7).
  - Changed broken treadle (7).

- DOWN
- Half the elements needed for strong liquor (4-5).
  - David's wife asking for a stiff drink (7).
  - State named in cross-head above middle of speech (9).
  - Didn't walk noisily in the highway (4).
  - The lager to change to, on the whole (10).
  - Little man from Zurich (5).
  - Austere Pole meets Brown (7).
  - High living for this wit (5).
  - Iberian girl soundly beat boy (10).
  - Artist, engineer and doctor affected by form of alcoholism (9).
  - Then, sadly, two little boys got raised aloft (9).
  - Mark should have a pronounced effect (7).
  - More intoxicating than some cokes? (7).
  - Bar from the latest OPEC meeting (5).
  - Warning about right to beag (5).
  - Point to a portico (4).
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### Today's events

Princess Anne attends a rugby match, as guest of the Rugby Football Union, between the Japan Rugby Union and an England XV at Twickenham, 12.25.

New exhibitions: Masterpieces of twentieth century photography; Cornerhouse, 70 Oxford St, Manchester, Tues to Sat 12 to 8 (ends Nov 23).

Paintings by Jeremy Henderson; Ardhoven Arts Centre, Emskillen, 10 to 4.30. The Burnaby Trust: original works by prison artists; The Hexagon, Queen's Walk, Reading, 10 to 8.

Welsh landscapes; The Albany Gallery, 74b Albany Rd, Cardiff, 10.30 to 5.30. Music: Concert by Southern Voices and Orchestra; Ramsey Abbey, 7.30. Concert by Birmingham Bach Society; St Alban and St Patrick, Conyere St, Birmingham, 7.30.

Talk: The well-beloved, by Charles Pettit; St John's Ambulance Hall, Derechester, 7.30.

General: Saturday International: God keep lead out of me; Shakespeare on War and peace, by Oliver Ford Davies and James Penifer; 12. Poetry Sweden, 5.30; Shaftesbury Hall, Cheltenham. Unveiling of the statue of John Ray, by David Bellamy; followed by a 17th century fair; Market Place, Braintree, 2.30.

Tomorrow: Royal engagements: The Queen departs for China from Heathrow Airport (London South), 5.

New exhibitions: New paintings by Phyllis MacKenzie; Century Galleries, Thames Side, Henley on Thames; Mon to Sun 10 to 5 (ends Oct 24). Last chance to see: The Forest: paintings, sculpture and photographs; Southampton Art Gallery, Civic Centre, 2 to 5.

50s Printed Textiles; Pump Room Museum, Bath; 10.30 to 5. 2087: A look back from the future; Art Gallery and Museum, Kelvingrove, Glasgow; 2 to 5.

Music: Concert by the Halle Orchestra; Free Trade Hall, Manchester, 7.30. Concert by Thaxted Festival Orchestra; Thaxted Parish Church, 7.30.

Concert by St Peter's Chamber Orchestra; Leeds Parish Church, 8.15. General: Eastbourne's 5th Fun Run; Leisure Pool, Lutbridge Drive, Eastbourne, 11.

Collectors Record Fair; The Guildhall, Portsmouth, 10 to 4. Poetry and the Novel; discussion chaired by Vanessa Berridge; Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham, 4.30 to 6.

### Gardens open

P - plants for sale. TODAY AND OTHER DAYS: West Sussex: Nymans, Handcross, 4n 8 of Greenhill, 14; large woodland and parkland, fine trees and shrubs, walled, headier and sunnier gardens, many plants for sale, including autumn colour; P: daily excluding Mondays and Fridays until end of October, 11-7 or 10-6.

Wiltshire: Skourhead Garden, Stourton, off B3092, in W of Marl (A303); lakes, trees, shrubs, ferns, and autumn colour; P: daily 8-4 or 8.30-5.15. Buckinghamshire: Abbotsford, Melrose, off A6091 on to B6362; 2 1/2 m W of Melrose; once home of Sir Walter Scott; trees, shrubs, ferns, and autumn colour; P: daily 10-4, Sun 10-5.5.

Wiltshire: St Andrew's University Botanic Garden, 18 1/2 acres; fine trees and shrubs, rock and water gardens, peat plants; interesting all year; daily 10-4 in winter. North Yorkshire: Thorp Parrot Arboretum, Beckin, off B6367 to Well and Beck, 1928; 1928; fine, magnificent collection of trees and shrubs, lake, today, 10-4, P: 9-4. Hampshire: Cold Hayes, Sheep Marsh, off A14, 10-4, P: 9-4. Devon: Alford Road, Devon; 1928; 1928; fine trees and shrubs, beautiful views; 2-6.

North York: 1915; Newcastle, Cranbrook Road; parkland, formal garden, mixed borders, roses, water garden, autumn colour; also open October 19-24. Oxfordshire: Nymans Park, Cotswolds Centre, 700 of Greenhill, 14; 1m from centre of Nymans Country village; 50 acres, fine trees and autumn colour, picturesque garden; 2-6.

Anniversaries: TODAY: Births: Arthur Philip, admiral and first governor of New South Wales, London, 1738; Heinrich Olbers, astronomer, Arbergen, Germany 1928; Sir George Wylliams, founder of the YMCA, Dulverton, 1821.

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Selling trims TSB price from 100p opening level

Trustee Savings Bank shares opened on the stock market yesterday at 100p, a 100 per cent premium over the 50p partly-paid offer price, but fell back almost immediately to close at about 85p as buyers stayed away from the market. At the opening price the market value of the bank was the same as that of Lloyds Bank, the third largest in the country. At the closing price the TSB is still worth more on the stock market than Midland Bank, until now the fourth largest. Sir John Read, TSB chairman, said: "I was astounded at the opening price, but it seems to have moved back to more the sort of level we expected. I am very pleased at the way things have gone." The start of dealing was the culmination of a long and often tortuous process to launch the TSB on the stock market. Sir John added: "It has taken us three years to get here. Now that it is over, we are all set to review our plans." The flotation would have gone ahead last February, but it was delayed by legal wrangles over who owned the bank, which ended in the House of Lords in August. Dealing in the shares was quiet all day, with a turnover of 60 million to 70 million shares. Mr William Vincent of the broker Scrimgeour Vickers, said: "It was nothing like the enormous volume of trading on the first day of British Telecom shares."



Out of the hats: Early dealing in TSB shares on the Stock Exchange yesterday (Picture: Leslie Lee)

Bank chief resigns

Mr Samuel Armacost, president of the troubled BankAmerica Corporation, has resigned. Banking sources said that other board members, beset by the bank's huge loan losses and an unwanted takeover offer, had been preparing to tender his resignation at a board meeting. They are believed to want the return of Mr A W "Tom" Clausen, former head of the World Bank, to the top position, even though many within the banking industry blame him for causing BankAmerica's problems by expanding into farm, energy, shipping and foreign loans which later turned bad.

Profit blow for print predators

McCorquodale, the bank-note printer fighting a £145-million takeover bid by Norton Opax, stunned investors last night when it forecast a 25 per cent increase in profits for 1987, just one week into the new financial year. In a hard-hitting defence, McCorquodale confirmed that profits for the year just ended would rise 37 per cent to £14 million, and told shareholders to expect a total of £17.5 million for the present year. Last night a spokesman for Norton Opax said: "Coming out with a profit forecast for 1987 smacks of a desperation measure to us."

Societies ready for £1bn TSB return

More money was withdrawn from building societies by investors last month than ever before because of the immensely popular TSB share offer. But the societies are set to bounce back with the Building Societies Association confidently predicting record takings "well in excess of £1 billion" in October as money from TSB applicants flows back into societies' coffers. The two largest building societies in the country - the Halifax and Abbey National - were already reporting returns from applicants yesterday. "The big flood will be tomorrow morning and Monday," Mr John Bayliss general manager of the Abbey National, said yesterday. "We are expecting to get back £200 million out of the £250 million that came out as a result of TSB." Mr Mark Boleat, the secretary-general of the BSA, said that the September savings figures "are grossly distorted by the TSB issue" which cost the societies some £1.5 billion of investors' savings. The societies' October joy is likely to be short-lived with an expected £3 billion tranche of British Gas in the second half of next month certain to drain the societies' November intake. Meanwhile, September's £6.8 billion total withdrawal from accounts led to a net outflow of £671 million last month after deducting deposits. This is only the third time ever that societies have had a net outflow, the last two occasions coming during the three-day week in February and March 1974. Even at this time the deficit was only ever measured in double figures. The building societies anticipated the drain on their retail sources by turning to the wholesale markets for a record net monthly intake of £1.6 billion. This far exceeded the previous monthly high of £1.14 billion in July.

Bank holds the line on interest rates

The Bank of England yesterday signalled its determination to resist a rise in interest rates. It refused to allocate bills in the weekly Treasury bill tender for the second successive week. The Bank's refusal to allocate the normal £100 million of bills on offer indicated that the leaders from the discount houses were at unacceptably high interest rates. The Bank has never before used this technique in two consecutive weeks. The sterling index edged up to 67.6 from 67.5 at the close on Thursday. The pound gained a cent to \$1.4335 and was steady at DM2.8508. The dollar was slightly weaker on lack of central bank support and after Herr Claus Koehler, a Bundesbank director, said the German authorities were not trying to support the dollar at a particular rate. The dollar closed nearly two pence down at DM1.9855. Sentiment on the dollar was also hit by figures showing a rise in US producer prices of 0.4 per cent last month, after a 0.3 per cent increase in August. The rise was mainly because of higher energy prices. The steadiness of the pound was reflected in slightly easier money market rates and a strong recovery in the gilt-edged market, with long-dated stocks up by over £1. But dealers said the pressure for higher base rates had not disappeared. The Bank of England announced yesterday afternoon that the Treasury had created 16 £50 million tranches of existing Government stocks. The tranches, the Bank said, were not a funding operation as such, but were designed to smooth the changeover to the new-style gilt-edged market after Big Bang on October 27.

Hanson recoups £87m from Golden Wonder

Dalgety, the food and agricultural group, has finally secured the Golden Wonder crisp and snack food business pledged to it at the height of the battle for Imperial Group. Dalgety is paying a total of £87 million to Hanson Trust for the Golden Wonder business in Britain and Holland, the Ross potato distribution company and Flavourette, a manufacturer of food flavourings. It is also taking over cash balances worth £28 million for an equivalent sum. Seven months ago Imperial agreed to sell Golden Wonder UK alone to Dalgety for £54 million if its agreed merger with United Biscuits went ahead. The deal was struck to appease Monopolies and Mergers Commission worries over competition in the British snack market. In the end United Biscuits failed to persuade enough shareholders in Imperial, which was swallowed up by Hanson for £2.8 billion. The deal again underlined Hanson Trust's knack for buying conglomerates and unlocking the cash value of their subsidiaries. So far this year it has fully recovered the \$930 million (£654.9 million) takeover of SCM in the United States and has recouped some £1.7 billion from selling parts of Imperial. "Put another way, we have recouped 65 per cent of the total cost by selling companies contributing 45 per cent of the Imperial profit forecast for this year," Lord Hanson said yesterday. Most of the cash raised so far has come from the £1.4 billion sale of the Courage brewery and public house concern to Elders IXL of Australia. A further £190 mil-

Ex-Lever chief for Guinness in the US

Guinness has taken an important step in its drive to improve spirit exports by recruiting Mr William Pietersen to lead its North American wine and spirit operations. Mr Pietersen is a long-time Unilever manager who has been president of the Lever Brothers food division in the United States since 1980. He will be responsible for co-ordinating the hitherto largely independent former Distillers whisky and white spirit businesses in the US, which include the Distillers Somerset group, Distillers Canada and some Caribbean operations. Together these account for \$750 million (£522 million) of the projected \$4 billion worldwide sales of the Guinness group this year. Mr Pietersen will also handle relationships with the diverse distributors of the group's wine and spirit brands, which have traditionally been marketed by local firms. Mr Ernest Saunders, the Guinness chairman, who announced the appointment in New York yesterday, said: "Willie Pietersen's appointment as our first president for North America is an important step in our programme for building our US and Canadian wine and spirit business. "Somerset's brands, which include Johnnie Walker, Pimm's and Tanqueray, have premier positions in the US. The commitment of Mr Pietersen, who is truly a top international brand marketer, will ensure that Distillers Somerset and our other US and Canadian interests will receive the leadership they deserve."

Setback for Aberdeen

The fall in the number of summer tourists in London has hit the performance of Aberdeen Steak Houses, which has had an uncomfortable ride since its flotation on the Unlisted Securities Market. The company made a loss of £229,000 in the first half compared with a profit of £252,000 in the corresponding period on turnover slightly ahead at £4.3 million. Aberdeen says that business has since picked up and that it should show a profit for the year. The shares fell 7p to 46p.

Coalite bid

Coalite Group, the energy distribution company, has obtained clearance from the Office of Fair Trading to continue with its £80 million takeover bid for Hargreaves Group, the fuel processing and transport group.

Laws on investment in property to be revised

The Government plans to amend the Financial Services Bill, now going through Parliament, to allow for investment in a single commercial property, such as a large office block or shopping centre. Selling securities in a single commercial building has been the subject of much debate over the past year. The Government amendments, which will be made in the House of Lords, are expected next week. These amendments would permit the formation of co-ownership trusts in a property and would create a position of almost direct ownership for investors. The idea of co-ownership trusts was suggested by Mr John Beykshire's working party on utilisation, which comprises many property interests. The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), which has its own working party on the subject, has been lobbying for changes to the law. An alternative vehicle for investing in a single commercial property, called property income certificates, has been proposed by County Bank and Richard Ellis, the surveyors. The Stock Exchange is keen to see a market in such investments brought under its aegis. Talks are underway between the Exchange and the proponents of single commercial property securities on how a new market, if created, will be managed.

Optimism on output accord at Opec talks

Several delegates young struggling to find a new output quota agreement at Opec's current meeting in Geneva were still predicting yesterday that the meeting would end with a decision to roll over the current production level of 16.8 million barrels a day. And any new quota system could come into force on January 1. The Opec president, Mr Riiwan Lukman, the Nigerian oil minister, said yesterday he was still confident that a new agreement on output could be reached.

No dividend

Sea Containers will suspend payment of dividends on ordinary shares, citing losses arising from a customer default, reduced revenues from container leasing and the present strike of Sealink British Ferries.

Interlink sale

The offer for sale of 3.48 million Interlink Express shares was oversubscribed. The basis of allocation is expected on Monday.

Exco offshoot

Exco International, the money broker, yesterday announced it is setting up a subsidiary to operate in the interbank market in off-balance-sheet risk. Exco Capital Markets will offer a worldwide broking service in interest rate swaps and interest rate caps and floors.

MARKET SUMMARY

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Ambitious prophet of woe

Dr Henry Kaufman, head of research for Salomon Brothers, has long had an effect on interest rates and hence sterling, through his comment on American credit conditions. Now that Salomon is moving into the gilt-edged market, his comments are more direct. Yesterday Dr Kaufman, in London to front Salomon's first gilt-edged seminar for 160 institutions, could offer little hope that the Chancellor might avoid a rise in interest rates to support sterling in the coming week. "The market may well not have stopped testing the will and the strategy of the Government," he said. Dr Kaufman has already suggested that market dealers will look for a rise of at least one point in bank base rates. "There is a distinct possibility that this will occur when everyone gets back from the party conference and has to consider the real needs of policy and strategy," he said. Mr Malcolm Roberts, Salomon's chief economist in Britain, argues that stabilizing the pound may require a combination of higher interest rates and higher intervention rates. "The market in sterling may not reach a natural floor by itself but concerted intervention by central banks could diminish the rate of fall sufficiently to remove the need for a rise in interest rates," he said. Salomon is adopting a higher profile, with a large new high-tech headquarters at Victoria station, because, as one executive put it, "we aim to be at the top of the pile" in the gilt-edged market after the Big Bang on October 27. Mr Christopher Dark, head of gilt-edged distribution, said that Salomon - one of 27 gilt-edged market-makers under the new system - does not intend to buy market share by trading at low margins or maintaining big stock positions for the sake of size. "But our aim is to be a significant factor in the market-place and to be a significant provider of liquidity to the market," Salomon's gilt-edged unit will initially be capitalized at just £20 million. Mr Dark said he foresees the number of market-makers shrinking to about 15 in two years, with a first division of about six, including his own firm.



Dr Kaufman yesterday: little hope of avoiding a rate rise

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# Glaxo out of link-up with US drugs firm

By Teresa Poole  
Business Correspondent

Glaxo Holdings yesterday confirmed that the deal to cooperate with a US drugs manufacturer on the development and marketing of a new pin-killer, Xorphanol, has been terminated.

Glaxo and HG Pars Pharmaceuticals Laboratories of Cambridge, Massachusetts, agreed in February to work on the drug but now both have decided Pars should assume sole responsibility for Xorphanol. The drug could be ready for launch by 1990. Neither side would comment on the breakdown in arrangements.

# Takeover of broker by bank

A London-based stockbroker Vivian Gray, with six principal offices, has reached agreement in principle to be acquired by Bank in Liechtenstein, probably the last bring firm to strike such a deal before Big Bang.

Bank in Liechtenstein is 95 percent owned by the Prince of Liechtenstein Foundation, set up in the 16th century to manage the affairs of the ruling family. The bank already has a London subsidiary which is a licensed deposit-taker.

# Acquisitions boost Tod's pretax profits

Tod, the USM-quoted company which makes glass-fibre parts for ships and submarines, has made an encouraging start to 1986-87 with a 15 per cent jump in pretax profits from £1.17 million to £1.34 million for the year to June.

# Glen-Dimplex pays \$120m for US firm

Glen-Dimplex, the Irish-owned electrical appliance group, has bought the US kitchen appliance manufacturer Hamilton Beach, in a deal worth \$120 million (£84 million).

# High street rally tipped in stockbroker's bulletin

By Michael Clark and Carol Leonard

Small private investors will be realizing profits of up to £100 million from the sale of their TSB shares in the next few weeks and most of it is likely to find its way into the high street.

So says Wood Mackenzie, the leading Scottish broker. Its influential quarterly bulletin on "Consumer Sector Prospects" will be published on Monday.

The bulletin says the retail sector is at a relative 15-month low and predicts new highs before long.

"Fears of base rate rises always knock the retail sector," says Mr Paul Aynsley, Wood Mackenzie's top stores analyst. "But the market shouldn't let interest rate worries mask the fact that real incomes have grown enormously."

"We have turned very positive on the stores sector in the past couple of days, we expect them to have a very good Christmas and think the whole sector is on the brink of bouncing up again."

Mr Aynsley has moved three leading retailers onto his "strong buy" list. Next best has had a very good September, he added.

Grand Metropolitan, the brewing group, recovered from an early 5p fall yesterday to finish 1p higher at 451p. T C Coombs, the broker, refused to comment on reports that it was trying to place a line of 3.5 million shares in the company at 445p. The sleuths at Wood Mackenzie, the Scottish broker, have checked the share register and say there are no holdings of more than 5 per cent.

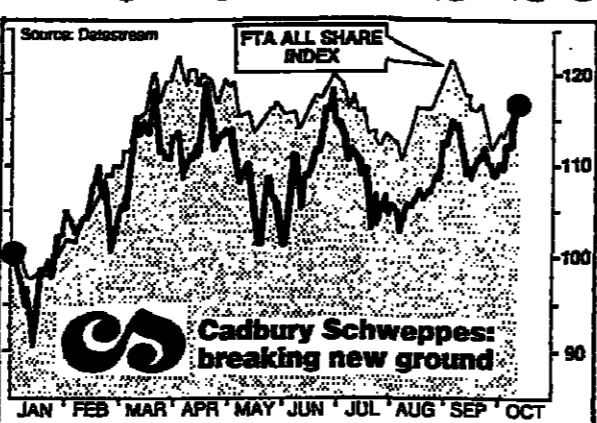
Freemans, the mail order group, is long overdue for a re-rating. And Barton is cheap and should reveal a useful set of year-end figures next month, he says.

"We're looking for £145 million profits this time and £187 million in 1987," he adds.

Next was one of the few stores companies to show any gains yesterday, firming just a penny to 233p. Austin Reed, the tailor, also improved, rising 15p to 330p after good results. Freemans lost a few pence to 420p and Burton 4p to 266p.

Glis had another good day, mostly on hopes that Britain's entry into the EMS may not be that far away. They gained 1p in the long and up to 3p in the shorts.

Money market rates were easier again, drifting 1/2 per cent lower on three-month money to 10 3/4%.



FT ALL SHARE INDEX

Among foreign bonds, 5 per cent stock issued by the Chinese in 1912 and 1913 advanced £2 to £28. Six months ago the Chinese Government held talks in Peking on the bonds, admitting the debt for the first time.

Expectations have been raised in the City that they may now offer a settlement, ahead of the Queen's visit there next week.

The equity market was pre-occupied throughout the day with the TSB debut. The day-paid TSB shares opened at 98p, giving shareholders a premium of almost 100 per cent. But they went steadily lower and closed at a middle price of 85 1/2p.

Cleveland Securities, the licensed dealer, was offering 84p after hours last night and will be keeping its Great Eastern Street offices open today and tomorrow so that small shareholders can call in to sell their shares and collect their cheques at the same time.

The FT 30 share index closed at its best level of the day at 1265.4, down 2.7, while the FT-SE 100 share index was down 9.2 at 1599.4.

Blue Circle, the cement company, stole the limelight among leaders putting on 15p to 576p. British analysts on a company visit to its operations in Atlanta have been phoning home with orders to buy.

Elsewhere blue chips were mostly down. Becton lost 6p to 410p, BTR 5p to 295p, ICI 5p to 1109p and Lucas, despite the end to the overtime ban by its employees, also dipped 5p to 503p. Contrails went against the trend, gaining 7p to 291p.

Cadbury Schweppes, Britain's biggest chocolate manufacturer, climbed 7p to 192p, to match its all-time high for the year. The shares have risen 19p in the past week, fuelled by speculation that United Biscuits may be about to bid. "We never comment on these rumours," said Mr Bob Clarke, chief executive of UB. "But we

don't own any Cadbury shares," he added.

Some food analysts in the City are beginning to wonder if Cadbury might be about to take advantage of its heady share price and launch a bid of its own.

"The shares are looking very expensive," said one top analyst. "And despite all this bid speculation, they could really be paving the way to launch a bid themselves."

Oil was mostly easier on fears that the oil price could collapse. Shell lost 13p to 925p, BP 11p to 685p, Britoil 7p to 133p and Enterprise 4p to 145p. Ultramar slipped 10p to 160p after Mr Ron Brierley, the New Zealand businessman, announced that his Hong Kong investment arm, IEP Securities, had reduced its holding still further to 35.6 million shares. He now speaks for 13 per cent of the company. Some sector-watchers think the shares may have gone to Rainbow Corporation, an Australian investment group run by ambitious Mr Craig Heatley. If so, his 4.9 per cent holding will be boosted to 5.1 per cent.

ICI Gas jumped 15p to 518p as patient bid speculators piled back into the stock for the new account. Word is that the Barclay Brothers may at last be ready to bid, using Gulf Resources as their vehicle.

Petrol, which had eased a few pence early on, ended the day unchanged at 34p when the market heard that its planned rights issue and acquisition of Apollo Energy had been blocked by shareholders at an extraordinary meeting.

Bratton, the ropemaker, caused something of a stir by announcing that a close inspection of its share register had revealed a build-up of shares under nominee holdings. One of them is Alixan Securities, with 23 million shares (4.15 per cent). Alixan is ultimately controlled by Henry Ausbacher, the merchant bank, which has asked for a copy of the share register. Dr Ashraf Marwan, the Egypt

businessman, also speaks for 2.75 million shares (4.97 per cent). Bratton, which has been tipped before as a takeover target, rose 8p to 141p on the news.

Dee Corp, the Fine Fare and International Stores supermarket group, tumbled 13p to 215p after rumours circulating late on Thursday night that a line of 25 million shares, worth nearly £80 million, had changed hands outside the market.

Some dealers were convinced the deal had been pulled at the last minute after a disagreement over the price. Salomon Brothers, the big New York stockbroker, and our own James Capel were thought to be the prime movers and acting on behalf of some institutions. Meanwhile, Dee's bid for M&H Sporting Goods will not be referred to the Monopolies Commission.

McCorquodale, the target of an unwanted £145 million bid from Norton Opax, has prepared another line of defence after the breakdown of talks with a "white knight", thought to have been Extel. Earlier this week the group predicted pre-tax profits of £14 million for the current year and last night followed up with a forecast of

£17.5 million for next year. Dealers said it was an unprecedented move for a company to make two profit forecasts in its own defence.

Hargreaves Group, the energy transport and waste disposal specialist, jumped 12p to 256p after Coalite, the chemicals group, was given the go-ahead to proceed with its bid after the Office of Fair Trading decided not to refer it to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

But there is mounting speculation in the market that someone else may have been passing an acquisitive eye over Hargreaves and may decide to launch its own bid. Coalite slipped 3p to 265p after learning that it had been given the green light.

# COMMENT Beware, Elliott's storm on industry is brewing

John Elliott is a singular man. In the past few years he has built Elders IXL into one of the biggest international brewing combines. He has assembled around him a young, financially sophisticated management team with a string of takeover battle honours behind it. An investment of £1,000 in Elliott's first company vehicle, Henry Jones, when he was fresh from a spell with McKinsey, the management consultants, has grown today to be worth £30,000.

Since 1981, when Jones merged with Elders, the key performance measures have been spectacular. The share price has shown 23 per cent compound growth and earnings per share the same. Net income of his far-flung group has leapt by 40 per cent annually. Elliott and his team have taken Australia by storm. After the £1.4 billion purchase of Courage from Lord Hanson, he is poised to do the same on a much bigger canvas. But will he?

Presently, shares of Elders IXL languish at a substantial discount to the brewing sector, though income from drinks will account for 80 per cent of his operations this year.

For the London investment scene, Elliott and his men represent nothing less than a culture shock. By the standards of the Beerae, they sport a cavalier approach. Elders has a pen-

chant for gearing levels that would make the average UK finance director's hair turn white. Elliott's philosophy is that shareholders do best if the equity base of his group is kept tightly under control.

At the end of 1983 Elders was saddled with enormous burdens of debt giving a gearing ratio of more than five-to-one after the purchase of Carlton United Brewery. Yet within 18 months he had transformed the picture by making his assets sweat and unlocking cash from surplus assets within the group.

His purchase of Courage takes the borrowings back to more than double shareholders' funds. And yet last week some hard-headed analysts were saying that before next summer he can restore that to a one-to-one basis.

If he is successful, Britain's most staid brewers will have to return to the drawing board for they will be forced to re-think their approach to that sacred cow of the industry, the so-called tied estate.

Having secured finance for the Courage deal this week, Elders is working on plans to securitize the assets locked in the 5,000 Courage pubs by bringing in outside investors. Those close to him think that over time he can release up to £700 million of cash in this way. If so his stock is cheap at 228p.

# Chill winds of competition

For those who earn their living in the Square Mile it has been a vintage year. In the run-up to Big Bang business has boomed, salaries have mushroomed and many have been able to capitalize handsomely on their past endeavours as they merged their business with one financial conglomerate or another.

Now, though, as stockbrokers go through the delicate, but vital negotiations over the terms on which they will deal after October 27, the chill winds of competition are beginning to make themselves felt with a vengeance.

A year ago equity commissions for the leading brokers who aimed to provide a full service to their institutional clients probably averaged a little more than 0.3 per cent across the board. The way things are headed levels of income like that will soon be no more than a fond memory of a never-to-be-repeated golden age.

At the aggressive end of the market some brokers, in particular those with US partners keen to build up market share, are offering their best institutional clients terms of as little as 0.175 per cent. Assuming for a moment that the volume of business handled by the London market post Big Bang re-

mains roughly constant, the hard players may be budgeting for a near halving of their income on equity business.

Some of the more conservative institutions north of the border are said to be looking twice at this apparent gift-horse. For they know that if the cost-cutting becomes too fierce they will suffer the loss of other services.

Most full-service brokers are looking to average commissions of a little more than 0.2 per cent, representing a drop in income on unchanged turnover of roughly a third. Predicting what will happen to turnover is fraught with problems. But is hard to see the private shareholder or the pension fund suddenly churning his portfolio cheerfully.

Nor can the full-service brokers rely on their market-making operations to make up the lost ground. There will be a huge increase in equity market-making capacity. With little more than a couple of weeks to Big Bang it looks as though the winners are going to be those with the deepest purses.

John Bell  
City Editor

# TEMPUS

# Big investors play it cool on TSB shares

There was mild embarrassment among Sir John Read and his cohorts over the silly opening premium on Trustee Savings Bank shares. But there was no sign of British Telecom hysteria on the trading floor, and the price rapidly dropped away by more than 15p to below 85p as institutional investors played it cool.

That initial level may well be the highest the partly-paid shares will reach, and many small investors who did not receive their acceptance letters yesterday are likely to feel hard done by.

So far the late post has cost a holder of 500 shares rather more than £30. One wonders why Lazard did not simply delay dealing until Monday and the start of the new trading account.

The real action in the shares will start on Monday as the acceptance letters all come through and the stage starts selling in earnest. The price could drop quite sharply, though if it goes below 80p, present evidence suggests that it will meet strong buying.

There was institutional support when the price dipped under 85p, and anything much lower may start to look like a bargain.

The uncertainty is over how competitive the institutions will become when the selling by small shareholders starts to dry up, as it may do quite quickly. It could send the price oscillating back up again towards 90p, which would be expensive.

At the opening price, the bank was trading at a vast premium to net asset value. At 80p it would be at a 2 to 3 per cent discount, a far more appropriate level for the bank.

Many of the 3.15 million investors will, of course, not sell at all. Having been led to expect dazzling gains of about 50p on each share, some small investors may see a 25p to 30p premium as inadequate and opt to be long-term investors.

There is certainly no shame

in that. They are, after all, owners of the country's fourth largest bank - though at the opening price TSB's market capitalization was third equal with Lloyds.

# Wooltons

Bob Thornton, the former chairman of Debenhams, who fought a long, hard battle to take over the Burton Group, is called back into service as non-executive chairman of Wooltons Betterware, a soft furnishings and householdware business, two weeks before its flotation on the Unlisted Securities Market.

The late arrival on the board of Mr Thornton, the experienced retailer, insist all concerned, was not intended to give the company an extra push to ensure the offer-for-sale is a success.

Greene and Company is offering two million shares, 20 per cent of the business, at 104p. On the basis of a profit forecast for the current year of £1 million against £720,000, the p/e of 16 seems a bit dear although Wooltons Betterware has a good track record and prospects do look attractive.

About 60 per cent of the business comes from making and selling curtains, blinds and other home furnishings through 78 of its own branches and concessions with companies such as Waring & Gillow, Brentfords and Harris Queensway.

Betterware operates through a streamlined sales force backing up a four-times-a-year catalogue offering kitchen and tableware, bathroom, garden and car-care products.

# Extel

If you saw a white knight galloping past this week leaving a damsel in distress, it was probably Extel. McCorquodale will have to look around for another suitor if it is to fight off Norton Opax's unwelcome advances.

The extent to which the institutions encouraged Extel

to ignore McCorquodale's entreaties is unclear. No doubt many were reminded of the fall in Extel's share price after the last bout of corporate activity.

It is hard to justify the price paid for Dealers Digest. Even McCorquodale did not hesitate long before accepting the offer for its 25 per cent holding. Extel's supporters believe there is a synergy which will open up opportunities for cross-fertilization of ideas and products.

In 1985/86, sports and financial services contributed £6.2 million to the total trading profit of £14.6 million. Sport is estimated to account for £3.5 million.

Extel has failed to secure the Racecourse Association's lucrative satellite television communication contract so profits from this source could fall by about £2 million. Dealers Digest will have to be instrumental in making up this lost ground.

Hyperactive corporate financiers have boosted printing profits; they are also benefiting from the flotations of the TSB and British Gas. Publishing activities are performing well although computer services are not fully recovered.

Extel needs to gain a new momentum if it is to fight off a Maxwell bid next spring. With an unfriendly 25 odd per cent shareholding casting a shadow over the business it is hard to see where this will come from.

On a present year forecast of £19 million, the shares are standing on a p/e ratio of 14.1 times.

Robert Maxwell may use the price paid for Dealers Digest as a reason for paying towards the lower end of the 400p-450p price band. At 425p the historic exit p/e would be 17.1 times. Mr Maxwell no doubt feels he can justify this price by revitalizing the operation.

In the meantime, as bid speculation waxes and wanes, the shares provide good trading opportunities.

**If you're about to invest in a pension plan make sure it's the best on the market.**

<b>SCHRODER</b> Managed Fund \$29,617	<b>ALLIED DUNBAR</b> Managed Fund \$31,226	<b>EQUITABLE</b> With Profits \$34,029	<b>SCOTTISH WIDOWS</b> With Profits \$35,546	<b>ALBANY LIFE</b> Multiple Fund \$36,221	<b>TARGET</b> Managed Fund \$54,325
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**Value of Pension Fund over 10 years to 1st April 1986.**  
Source: Money Management, August 1986  
Assumes 120 monthly premiums of £100. Amount Invested (Allowing for tax relief at 30%)

- Target soars head and shoulders above all rivals in the pensions field
- Target Managed is unquestionably the Steve Cram of investment performance
- Indeed the best performing contract in the survey was linked to Target's Managed Fund
- Prize for the most outstanding performance of the decade must still go to Target Managed

The Daily Telegraph, Saturday 31st December 1983. All too often, this decision is taken as a result of comparing projected growth figures, whereas the only realistic basis for comparison is achieved growth. The table above compares the actual results of an investment in the Target Personal Pension Plan - linked to the Target Managed Pension Fund - with two leading with profits policies and three other unit linked plans invested in managed funds.

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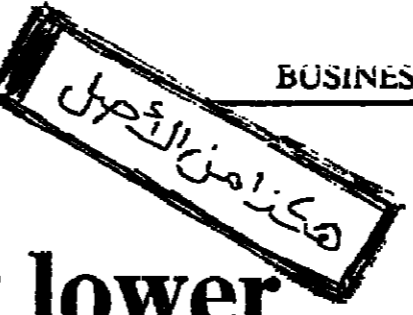
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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Leading equities drift lower

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Portfolio Gold - From your portfolio card check your eight share price movements. Add them up to give you your overall total. Check this against the daily dividend figure published on this page...

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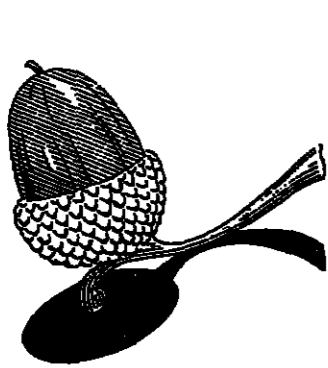
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# A guide to choosing successful unit trusts



## Growth Equity

**Blue-chip investments**  
Like most of our trusts, Growth Equity's purpose is long term capital growth. However, its distinguishing feature is the emphasis on investment team places upon blue-chip British companies.

### In the top third

The combination of blue-chip investments, plus holdings in proven companies on the way up, provides just the sort of diversified base that makes Growth Equity an extremely good bet for a canny investor.

A broad spread of risk, though, doesn't necessarily mean a low return. Growth Equity's performance places it 28th out of 93 similar trusts—in fact well within the top third over the 3 years ending 1st October, 1986.

### Now's the time to apply

Falling inflation plus growth in the economy is putting more money in people's pockets. Given the trust's very substantial consumer goods investments, this augurs extremely well for the future.

As at 9th October, the offer price of units was 204.0p and the estimated current gross yield was 2.12% p.a.

Income, less income tax, is distributed on 30th June and 31st December each year, or can be reinvested in the trust if you prefer.



## Property Share

**The most successful trust in its field**

Over the three years ending 1st October 1986, this trust has proved the best performer of all trusts in its field.

The trust's aim is to provide investors with a specialist fund of carefully selected property shares, and this has the great advantage of avoiding the problems of direct property ownership. The stocks are easily transferred, allowing us to switch quickly to any promising company at will.

### Why it's been so outstanding

Our award winning investment team has opted for a policy of backing the new breed of property developers and traders; and a major portion of the trust's holdings is invested in these more dynamic businesses.

That, plus our avoidance of speculative investments, is a policy that's proved as successful as it has proved safe, for from its launch in May 1983 to 9th October 1986, the Property Share Trust has grown by a breathtaking 167%\*

As at 9th October, the offer price of units was 284.1p and the estimated current gross yield was 1.40% p.a.

Income, less income tax, is distributed on 28th February and 31st August each year, or can be reinvested in the trust if you prefer.



## North American

**Sterling/dollar rate greatly improved**

Launched in March 1983, the trust's aim is long term capital growth through a broad-based portfolio of American equities.

Until recently the American market was a disappointing one for British investors. The position now, however, is very different, due to the more favourable sterling/dollar rate (and seems likely to stay that way).

### Wall Street climbing strongly

With the fall in oil prices, lower interest rates, and the strong climb that Wall Street has shown since November, now's the time to invest in this trust. And especially so once you realise that our results have been consistently better than the average for similar trusts.

**Detailed investment research**  
Much of our investment team's time has been spent researching the American market—often with personal visits to the companies in which the trust has holdings. In a competitive market like Wall Street it's just this sort of attention to detail that gives us the edge.

As at 9th October, the offer price of units was 148.8p and the estimated current gross yield was 1.40% p.a.

Income, less income tax, is automatically reinvested in the trust on 15th May and 15th November each year.



## European

**A proven success**

The aim of the trust is—like most of our trusts—long term capital growth. In this instance through a portfolio of exclusively European equities. But how has it performed? As our figures will show, extremely well.

### One of the top performers amongst all unit trusts

Launched in April 1984, our European Trust had grown by 164% by the 9th October 1986\*, making it one of the leading trusts in its category.

Our investment managers have achieved this high performance with a wide geographical spread of carefully selected holdings.

### Analytical depth

Nothing succeeds in evaluating a company like thorough financial analysis. And, rather than following the crowd, our investment team travels widely to meet with companies that they're planning on investing in. The result? A far better understanding of that company's affairs than could be achieved by desk research alone.

As at 9th October, the offer price of units was 281.0p and the estimated current gross yield was 1.00% p.a.

Income, less income tax, is automatically reinvested in the trust on 15th January and 15th July each year.



## Pacific

**Exceptionally high performance**

Since its launch in April 1983, our Pacific Trust has shown itself to be an extremely high performer: over the three years to 1st October 1986, it ranked eighth amongst all twenty eight similar trusts†, and by 9th October 1986 had achieved a growth of 151%\*

### Why has this Pacific trust done so well?

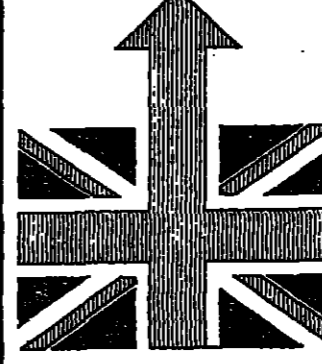
As with any investment portfolio, there are many reasons. However, principal amongst them is our knowledge of the Japanese market—currently the major part of our portfolio—plus our overview of the region's other market opportunities.

As regards Japan, we are expecting considerable stimulation of the internal economy, which will result in increased consumer expenditure—and the trust is well placed to take advantage of this.

The rest of our holdings are invested in such countries as Australia, Singapore, New Zealand, Korea and Thailand. The current performance of the last two points to them becoming powerful markets for the future.

As at 9th October, the offer price of units was 267.0p and the estimated current gross yield was 0.11% p.a.

Income, less income tax, is automatically reinvested in the trust on 15th May and 15th November each year.



## Guardhill

**A huge trust with a solid performance**

With assets of over £200 million, Guardhill is one of the largest and most solid of all unit trusts. It's also one of the longest established (1967). One of the minority of trusts to go through the 1974 bear market (and come out in good shape), Guardhill is the ideal trust for the cautious investor.

### A careful spread of British investments

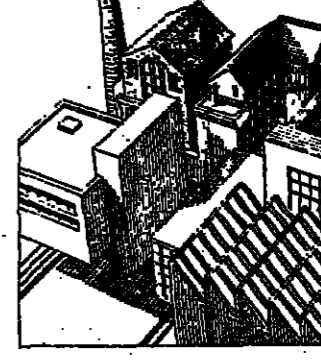
The aim of Guardhill is slightly different to that of most of our unit trusts, to provide growth of income as well as capital. The Guardhill portfolio is invested in British stocks only, and its size, solid growth and extremely large spread of risk make it one of the most reliable performers amongst all unit trusts.

### Many holdings currently undervalued

That's the opinion of our investment team: viz. relative to the rest of the market, many of the companies in which the trust has holdings are worth more than their current valuation would indicate—a very good reason for investing now.

As at 9th October, the offer price of units was 276.1p and the estimated current gross yield was 2.99% p.a.

Income, less income tax, is distributed on 31st March and 30th September each year, or can be reinvested in the trust if you prefer.



## Smaller Companies

**Every company is carefully researched**

Aimed at above-average capital return from smaller companies (mostly U.K. based) our Smaller Companies Trust has shown excellent growth since its launch in May 1983; 109% up by 9th October, 1986\*

The reason for the trust's success is no secret. We're unusually fortunate in having some of the best research facilities in the City. Not only do we have over 20 specialised analysts, but our investment team often goes out to visit companies in the field. With the Big Bang likely to produce cuts in research facilities elsewhere, this puts us in pole position for administering a smaller companies trust.

### Ideal conditions for growth

The present political and economic climate looks most encouraging for smaller companies. With the predicted growth in the economy, falling inflation and continuing good company results, this is currently a most interesting investment area.

As at 9th October, the offer price of units was 223.0p and the estimated current gross yield was 1.74% p.a.

Income, less income tax, is automatically reinvested in the trust on 15th May and 15th November each year.

Remember that the price of units, and the income from them, can go down as well as up.

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The WINNINGS

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FAMILY MONEY 1

Edited by Peter Gartland

# The windfall with interest

WINNINGS

When Terry Brown, a Marks & Spencer foreman, arrived at the Gosforth Park Hotel in his native Newcastle upon Tyne on May 7 this year he knew he was in for a nice surprise.

Terry was fully aware that long with two work colleagues he was about to be presented with a cheque by the comedian Lennie Bennett for Littlewoods pools win.

It was the size of the win that startled him — close on 900,000 in total — of which Terry's share was a cool 290,000. It is the stuff of which dreams are made, even or people who do not do the pools themselves.

"I couldn't sleep for two nights before that," explains 2-year-old Terry. One thing is certain. With a windfall of early £300,000, life would ever be quite the same again for Terry, his wife Shirley, aged 47, and their two sons, Stephen, aged 11, and Ian, aged six. After Terry's take-home pay was £50 a month.

The day that changed the lives of the Brown family beyond imagination was May 7, the last full day of the 1985-86 Football League programme. There were nine or more draws that day, and Terry and his syndicate colleagues had eight of them. After the thought of riches began to sink in, Terry telephoned Littlewoods that evening to stake his claim. Then he asked his mother to babysit him as he took Shirley out for a walk in the park. "I couldn't talk to anyone in the pub, or even Shirley, I just sat there," says Terry. On Sunday Littlewoods rang back to confirm that there was a lot of money involved. That was followed by a visit from a Littlewoods representative, who estimated a total win of 600,000. It turned out to be almost 50 per cent higher than that.

After the hoopla of the presentation and the obligatory splashing of champagne in the party frocks, Terry's thoughts turned to how to spend the money.

His initial ambitions were modest enough for a man who had just been given a tax-free cheque for nearly £300,000. Shirley went to visit an old friend in Aberdeen while Terry chose himself a new £12,000 Toyota and picked up the bill for a weekend trip to Blackpool for his local football

**£30,000 mortgage for the tax relief**

team, the Benwell Blues. He also bought his brother a new car, made gifts to other relatives and paid out £23,000 for a new house for his mother.

Terry and his family have since moved into their own four-bedroom detached house. Shirley's dream home. Even though they could afford to pay the £65,000 asking price outright, they sensibly chose to take out a £30,000 mortgage to get the tax relief.

But that all left a lot of money still in the kitty — £200,000, to be precise. The question was what to do with it. Initially, the money was put on deposit at his local Barclays branch but, realizing there must be more profitable ways of making his money work for him, Terry sought help from Marks & Spencer, which in turn asked investment advisers Terry, Birch and Noble to give their advice.



Champagne for a winner: Terry Brown, left, celebrates his pools scoop. Right: Alan Mackay, his financial adviser

It was then that the managing director of BBN's financial services division, Alan Mackay, flew up to Newcastle to meet Terry and his co-winners and ended up advising all three of them on their financial future.

Mr Mackay explains that because Marks & Spencer had introduced his firm as independent advisers and because BBN had prepared detailed reports, Terry and his colleagues soon began to relax and become enthusiastically involved in their own money management.

While the detailed plans were being worked out, Mr

**Drawing up wills was a priority**

Mackay's first recommendation was that Terry's winnings were transferred from bank deposit to the Yorkshire Building Society's Platinum Key Account. That move in itself meant that instant access to the money was retained but that the rate of interest it was earning increased by 2 per cent net of tax.

At the same time Mr Mackay also gave priority to arranging for lawyers to draw up and execute wills for both Terry and Shirley. It was something they felt they had never had to think about in the past.

In fact, the whole subject of inheritance tax planning took priority, with the wills being drawn up in such a way that Terry and Shirley would leave everything to each other and then their children, with the exception that a sum of £71,000 would pass to each of the children on the first parental death, making the planning even more efficient under current tax legislation.

Then came the detailed investment recommendations. Mr Mackay proposed that £30,000 should be left in the Yorkshire Platinum Key Account for emergencies. So £170,000 was taken out with the intention that Terry's net monthly income should be doubled.

A total of £80,000 was split equally between 10-year income plans with Norwich Union and Sun Alliance to give a fixed rate of return of 9 per cent as a monthly income. Both these insurance policies are combined annuity and

endowment contracts which mature after 10 years free of tax and in the meantime pay a 9 per cent net income.

A further £10,000 (£5,000 in Terry's name and £5,000 in Shirley's) was put into the 31st issue of National Savings certificates, which pays 7.85 per cent a year, free of all tax.

With the building blocks in place as far as security of income was concerned, it was then important to introduce some measured risk for longer-term growth but without any direct exposure to individual equity investment.

So the next step was to split a total of £45,000 into three equal parts. One £15,000 chunk went into a Scottish Mutual single premium growth bond in order, as Mr Mackay puts it, "to give flexibility on income with a 5 per cent a year withdrawal facility".

The second £15,000 tranche went into Henderson's Prime Residential Property Fund, which, as its name suggests, puts investors' money into the classier sorts of property that you see around the Regent's Park and Sloane Square districts of London. They are usually let out to diplomats and London-based American businessmen and they are

**Financial review every six months**

usually too expensive to be subject to rent control legislation.

Mr Mackay's recommendation for the third £15,000 chunk was a five-way equal split into unit trusts. To give an international spread and provide a capital growth emphasis, £3,000 went into each of the following funds — Gartmore Global, Equity & Law North America, Henderson European, M&G Recovery, and Prudential UK Growth.

A further £30,000 has gone into Norwich Union's Growth Plan, which is estimated to grow free of tax to around £85,000 by 1996.

Back to building society investment. Sums of £1,200 each for both Terry and Shirley went into Bradford and Bingley's High Yield SAYE Plan with a further £1,000 going into B&B's Prosperity Plan, a 10-year

contract linked to the Homeowners Friendly Society.

Any gaps in this package? Some people might argue that more emphasis should be put on long-term protection such as permanent health cover.

Against that there are two arguments. First, with so much capital to draw on, Terry will not run into financial difficulty even if his income were to dry up.

Secondly, with Marks & Spencer's known reputation as a caring employer, his income would be secure even in the

event of several months of disablement. The company had already demonstrated that by paying his wages during a four-month absence from work in 1985 when he was recovering from an Achilles tendon operation.

In any event, Mr Mackay intends to review Terry's financial situation at least every six months. There could be even more money to invest soon. Terry says he has come close to winning the pools again just in the past few weeks.

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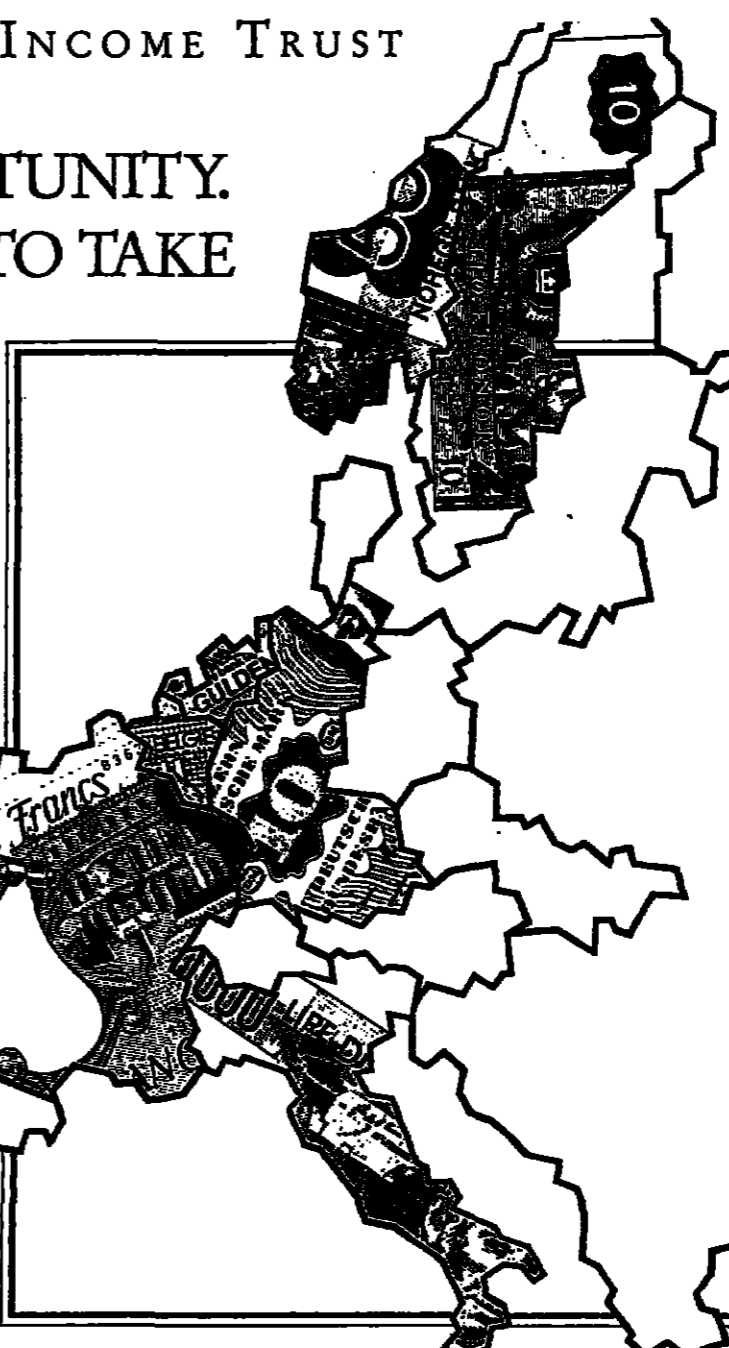
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**FAMILY MONEY/2**

**Franchising: should controls be tighter?**

Today is the second day of the three-day National Franchise Exhibition at the Kensington Exhibition Centre in west London. It comes at an interesting time for the world of franchising.

The investment industry is preparing for the Financial Services Bill, which requires it to regulate itself to a level over and above the dictates of the general law. Franchising, however, currently enjoys complete freedom from such additional burdens.

Franchising in this country is somewhat at the crossroads on the path to greater regulation and control. The British Franchise Association, the voluntary trade association for franchisors, is planning to improve the ways in which it polices its members.

Whether the industry should be left to regulate itself in this manner is another question.

What can be said with certainty is that there are many genuine people operating franchises, and a great many of these are members of the British Franchise Association. Most people within the franchise industry would count the two leading figures on whom we focus as belonging to this category.

As with the investment industry, it may well be that the antics of fringe operators will force the Government to produce laws specific to franchising.

In the United States there are laws which focus on the requirement of franchisors to disclose material informa-

tion to franchisees before signing them up. Franchisors commonly require legal advice in order to ensure that they are complying with the very high standards of disclosure insisted on.

The requirement of disclosure of relevant information is a central tenet of the Financial Services Bill. But that is just for investment products. Is investing your life savings in a franchise so different?

The association requires its members to make disclosures on a par with the American requirements.

● BBC's *The Money Programme* tomorrow has a film on the story of the La Mama franchise which Family Money covered on August 2 and 9.

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**The chairman's debts**

Dick Crook is widely known in the franchising industry as Britain's leading franchise consultant - advising franchisors, actual or prospective, on the best ways to set up and operate a franchise.

He is chairman of an organization called the Franchise Consultants Association, which he says was set up to "sort out the good guys from the bad guys" in the franchise consultancy business.

He is the driving force behind Franchise Investors Ltd. This is financed by City institutions to invest in franchises. It is an affiliate of the British Franchise Association.

Mr Crook is also known as the person who successfully launched the car hire firm, Budget Rent-a-Car in Europe. He used to appear on television advertising Midas exhausts. "Could I be a crook with a name like mine?" was, he says, the slogan he used.

Documents obtained by *The Times* show that Mr Crook has been the chairman

of two companies which went into liquidation with debts between them of around £200,000. One of them was compulsorily wound up in the High Court in 1977.

One of the companies was called Cater-Place Ltd, a business which Mr Crook says was involved in supplying fresh ground coffee vending machines.

The documents show that Cater-Place left debts of just above £134,000 and that approximately £65,000 of this was owed but never paid to trade creditors.

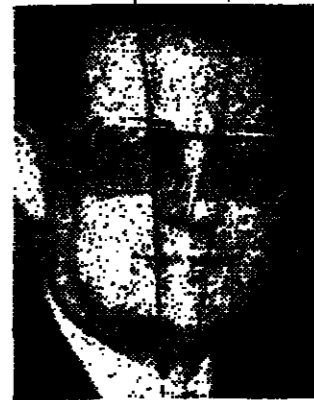
The company was compulsorily wound up by one of its creditors on the order of Mr Justice Brightman in the High Court on July 25, 1977.

Documents signed by Mr Crook indicate that he was the chairman of the company, while he and his wife were the two directors. His wife is shown as the major shareholder.

The documents indicate that, before Cater-Place was wound up, its business activ-



Leading lights: Dick Crook,



left, and Martha Mendelsohn

ities were transferred to another company of which Mr and Mrs Crook were also directors, and in which Mrs Crook was a shareholder.

This company, called Tenderfine, was supposed to pay £250 a month for the privilege but, according to the documentation, paid the equivalent of only five monthly instalments.

Discount Rent A Car was a car hire business set up by Mr Crook's wife in 1972, while Mr Crook himself became a director in January 1973.

On Friday, June 7, 1974, the company passed a resolution to go into liquidation. Mr Crook signed a copy of the resolution in his then capacity as chairman of the company.

The documents show that the company had 67 unsecured creditors who between them were owed £67,860 and never paid.

Mr Crook says in response: "We worked so hard to make sure that no one lost money. Cater-Place was forced into liquidation by the vindictiveness of one of its creditors. It had been hit by the 1974 recession. I put all of my money into it. A few people lost a little money."

"I don't recall the figure of £134,000. The real amount was around about £80,000."

"We originally took over the company to help out the struggling franchisees who owned it and had put their life savings into it. We saved about 46 of them."

"We, however, lost most of our money through Cater-Place. I lost £100,000 at least. I had to sell my home. I even used an inheritance from my mother."

£2,300 to creditors, leaving them, therefore, more than £60,000 short.

Mr Crook said: "I think my own company must have been one of the trade creditors."

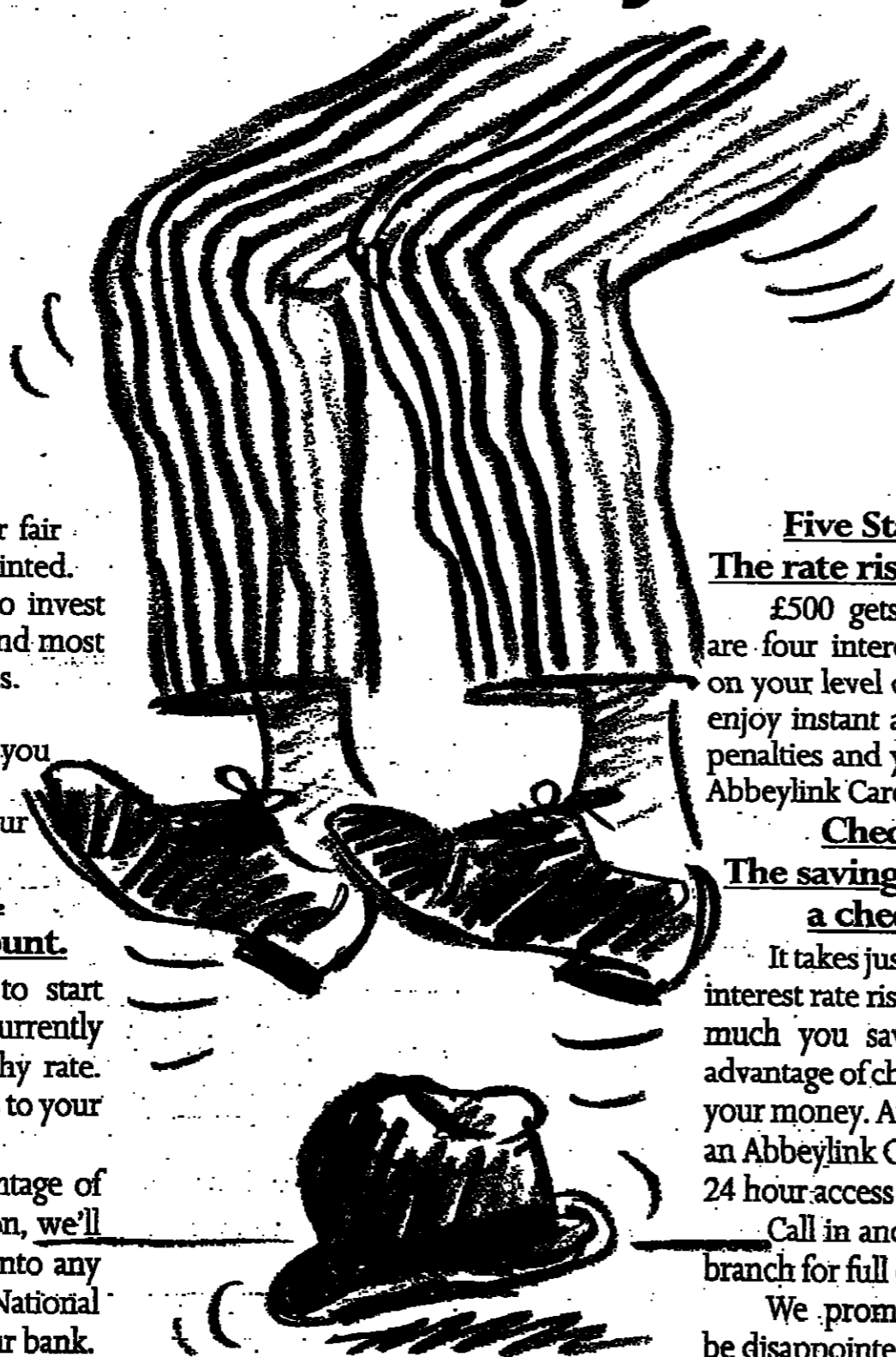
"Discount Rent A Car was set up so that we could go back into car hire. At first it did very well indeed. I owned 49 per cent and a private Australian bank owned the rest. It had provided the financial backing for the business but pulled out for entirely personal reasons which were nothing to do with the business or with me."

"I tried to prevent them. We could have sued them but there was no commercial benefit to be gained. I tried to refinance it via the City. We got 20 acceptances from City institutions but everyone said, 'We are not funding right now'. It was 1974 and an unreal time for British business."

"A lot of the money written off was the bank's money. I don't recall how much I put in. "Overall, I think I was extremely unlucky. A series of things went wrong. I was let down very badly."

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The shopkeeper who paid

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Half of the franchisees who signed up with Sperrings have since quit. The actual figures, confirmed by Sperrings, are that nine out of 18 franchisees have left, while another one is currently negotiating out.

Sperrings, based in Southampton, had, by all reports, built up a very successful chain of convenience stores before moving into franchising.

They started franchising, backed by £2.5 million of City money, in December 1983. To the outside world, at least, this was for real, and by July 1984, only eight months later, Sperrings was a full member of the British Franchise Association.

The common complaints of the ex-franchisees, however, are that the company provided inadequate management support and was too optimistic in its projections of profits and estimate of costs.

Chairman's debts

from previous page "I have worked meticulously for keeping the standard of franchising at a high level in this country."

"over £1 million". This company was a wholly owned subsidiary and was simply called Identical Ltd. It was a full member of the British Franchise Association.

Mr Mendelsohn was one of two founder directors of the parent company, being appointed a director on October 25, 1982, shortly before a group of City institutions put £350,000 into it.

Sources within the franchising industry say the institutions insisted that Mr Mendelsohn become a director as a condition of making their investment.

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# Comfort for sick list victims

Edwina Currie's views on the health of the nation apart, illness or injury can befall us all. And without protection, your wealth could tumble as a result.

The stark fact facing many people who break a leg or suffer serious illness is that a drop in income often results, just when money is tightest.

Yet relatively few people make use of Permanent Health Insurance (PHI) which protects your income when illness forces a prolonged period away from work.

One reason why PHI has remained an insurance backwater is that few people appreciate the risk of serious illness or injury. Government statistics make frightening reading.

Men aged 20 to 65 stand seven times more chance of being laid up for six months through illness than they do of dying. Nearly half those on the nation's sick list have been off work for more than three years.

Most companies provide support for a while; some have group PHI policies to cover employees. For most people, however, a long period off work means relying on savings and meagre state benefits.

John Davies, head of marketing at PHI newcomer Abbey Life, says: "The lack of real understanding of the state benefit is astounding." A typical two-child family would

receive less than £85 a week.

So how does PHI protection work? Policyholders becoming disabled through illness or injury receive a replacement income equal to a percentage of previous earnings. That proportion is normally pegged at 75 per cent. Many companies also impose a maximum cash payout, a factor high wage-earners need to watch for.

### Benefit can be more than salary

Premiums paid do not attract tax relief, but the benefit itself is not taxable until received for a full fiscal year. The effect of this "tax holiday" can be that the policyholder receives more than his or her previous salary for up to two calendar years. Thereafter, the taxman is somewhat less generous. PHI benefits are classed as unearned income and taxed as such.

More than 30 companies now provide individual PHI. Unfortunately most impose a mass of different policy wordings and interpretations. But, basically, the cost of cover depends on your occupation, age, sex and the period you are prepared to wait between falling ill and getting the money.

This can be between four and 104 weeks.

Most companies split occupations into three or four classes, each with a certain level of health risk. Most professional and office staff are seen as low-risk, most manual workers as high-risk. The difference in premiums between the two can be anywhere between 10 per cent and 200 per cent, so shopping around is highly advisable.

Dockers and steepjacks are among those lucky to get cover at any cost. Equally, if you have a penchant for dangerous sports you can expect a cool response.

The difference in the price of cover for a man aged 30 and a man aged 40 can be as much as 60 per cent. The gap grows still wider for female proposers.

Women of any age, however, normally pay considerably more than men. A premium loading of 50 per cent usually applies and only a handful of companies impose a lower loading. The principle of higher rates for women was tested in the High Court in 1985 when it was held that the premium loading on PHI policies for women was not in breach of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975.

Lanham Life is alone in actually charging women less. Again shopping around can produce considerable savings.

After an illness or injury you might be in the position of

being able to return to work in only a reduced capacity. Many companies will cover you against this possibility so that your income does not fall as a result. Benefit may also be inflation-protected.

With all these variants, the cost of cover can differ enormously. Annual premiums range between £50 and £500. A 30-year-old professional man should pay no more than £90 a year, his 40-year-old colleague £30 more.

It should be remembered that not all claims will be accepted. Intentional self-injury, war, alcohol, drug and pregnancy claims are almost sure to be excluded, though pregnancy complications are viewed more sympathetically.

Job-changers should inform their PHI insurer rather than risk cover being withdrawn. Jet-setters should also study the policy restrictions on travel.

A lot of people believe PHI could be about to come out of the shadows. Allied Dunbar has even published *Ease and Dis-Eases*, a guide to good health, on the strength of growing interest in retirement planning and PHI. The divisional director David Vessey thinks PHI is "one of the products of the future".

Steve Fraser



Brixton 1981: one reason for increased insurance premiums

# The front line in insurance battle

Insurance companies are being accused of a head-in-the-sand attitude to the problems of inner city businesses in obtaining insurance cover.

Many businesses, in areas such as Brixton in south London and Handsworth in Birmingham, are having to face the prospect of relocation or in some cases closure, because of what they describe as an unavailability of satisfactory cover.

Jo Hall, a press officer for Lambeth Council, which takes in the Brixton area, said that talks with local traders revealed they were being asked to pay "exorbitant premiums, in some cases up to 600 per cent higher than before and so high as to make them virtually impossible".

### Central government should provide help

Tech-Semco, a hi-fi servicing company, feels it was forced to move its head office out of Brixton to Wembley because it could not secure satisfactory cover from insurers. Lee Marks, the managing director, said the company, which had operated in Brixton for 10 years, had to move because its insurers refused to renew the insurance cover after the unrest of 1981 and 1985.

"I was prepared to accept an excess of between £5,000 and £10,000, but my insurers weren't prepared to renew even on that basis," Mr Marks said. "They only gave us temporary cover when our policy ran out at the beginning of March if we could prove that we had other premises to move into."

He said many companies were trading in Brixton without any insurance cover. "If there is another riot, they will be ruined."

Lambeth Council has now joined with councils in Birmingham and Leeds to form an Insurance Working Group which is investigating the problems of obtaining adequate insurance cover in inner city areas.

The group has had one meeting with the Association of British Insurers, which represents more of the UK general insurance market, but Jo Hall said the association denied that any problems existed.

A spokeswoman for the association said that the inner city insurance problems had not come about as a result of the riots, but because of the overall level of theft and

malicious damage claims in the affected areas.

She denied there was any overall unavailability of cover but admitted that some companies had not been underwriting risks in certain areas and that the rates quoted could be a lot higher because of poor past claims experience.

"Insurers have certainly not established no-go insurance areas, but whether or not to insure is up to individual companies," she said.

This view is echoed by Tony Stevenson, controller of commercial marketing at Sun Alliance and Phoenix,

Britain's largest property insurer. He was adamant that his company did not operate a system of red-lining (where areas are marked out as being no-go insurance areas).

Insurers feel strongly that they should not be seen as an extension of the social services. Help for the inner cities should come from central or local government, not from insurance companies, although they say they are willing to play their part with staff secondments and, in some cases, the provision of surplus premises.

The Insurance Working Group, under the chairmanship of Councillor Albert Bore, chairman of Birmingham's economic development committee, is putting the final touches to a survey on the insurance problems of inner city businesses in Leeds, Birmingham and Lambeth, which will present to the Association of British Insurers.

Jo Hall said that if the association does not respond positively to this more extensive evidence, the next step is to approach central government.

Peter Miller, chairman of Lloyd's of London, made an interesting observation on this point recently when he said: "Legislative attempts to force insurance to exist are economically unsound and philosophically unacceptable in a free society."

A Labour government could, however, view things rather differently.

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It is, however, possible to examine how you might evaluate the options.

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Bernard Reed, of the Stock Exchange Options Development Group, says: "The small investor is looking at a spectrum of risk. If he wants no risks he should put his money in a bank or a building society."

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This device has attracted some criticism in the industry. A Halifax spokesman said that the liquidity to honour the cheques had to be paid for, and that someone was subsidizing the failed TSB subscriber.

Nationwide, however, vehemently denies that other members are suffering.

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The bank is also launching a campaign to remind the 3.15 million what a sound investment they have made. This is presumably all part of the plan to stop large numbers of

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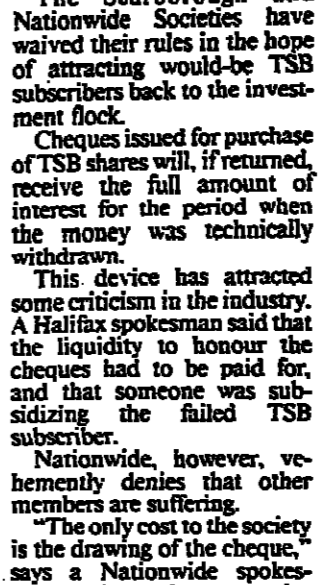
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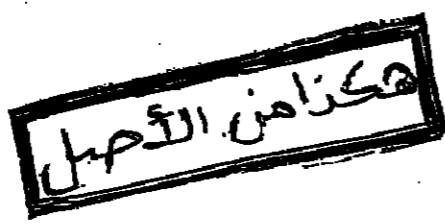
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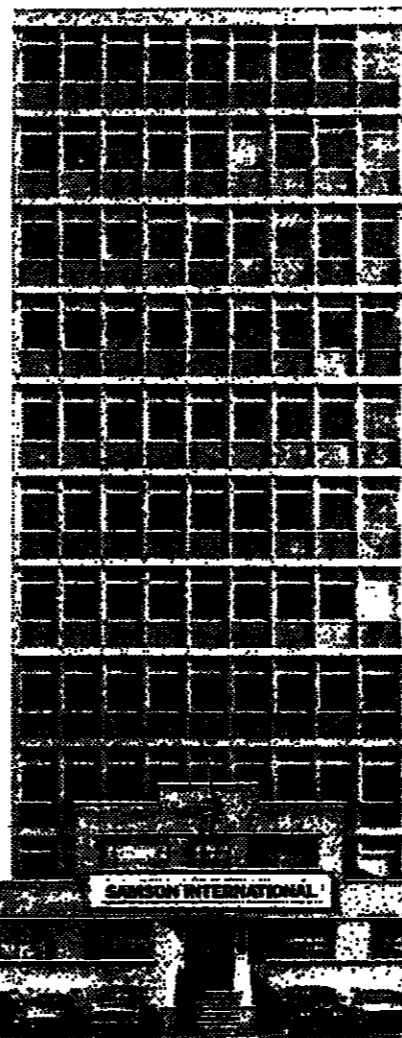
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**Some hope, but it's not a gusher**

**OIL SHARES**

If you want to see a sad investor, find one who put all his money into energy shares about a year ago. While all around him were making merry as world stock markets climbed ever upwards - with a few fits and starts in places - fans of the energy sector were subjected to an almost never-ending stream of bad news.

The chief harbinger of doom was, of course, the oil price. As the supply continued to pull further away from demand, the price could only go down. However, few could have expected it to plunge so far, so fast. A barrel from the North Sea Brent field, worth \$30 a year ago, changed hands at less than \$10 in July. If we got a mild winter and little extra demand from industry, said the pundits, a \$5 barrel was on the cards.

However, just as the gurus spoke, the oil price started to edge up again - life has a charming habit of proving them wrong. This was largely thanks to unusual unity from the moguls in Opec, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. Having finally awoken from dreaming of the days when oil was \$40 a barrel and they could afford to buy a London hotel every hour, the 13 Opec ministers stopped the rot by agreeing to restrict production.

The markets took the message - underlined by the ministers at another Opec meeting in Geneva this week

- and a barrel of Brent is now trading at around \$14.

So does this mean now is the time to examine the attractions of energy unit trusts? If you decide to take a peek, you will at least expend little energy looking for them, because there are not many about.

The awful energy market has deterred management companies from promoting energy-related funds and you will find no more than half a dozen such trusts - so few that they do not even have a category of their own and they have to be lumped with commodity funds to take up a decent amount of space in the price tables.

If you are interested, do not look for anything too spectacular because fireworks are most unlikely, according to Peter Holland, who manages the County Energy Trust run by National Westminster.

He says: "I don't think there's a lot of upside in energy shares. To make a great deal of money we would need to see the oil price go to \$20-plus and stay there. That's unlikely. We think \$15-\$20 is a reasonable expectation to take over the next six months."

However, he feels energy shares do have attractions as the stock market boom wanes. There they stand, depressed and unloved, but often representing companies with solid assets, high dividend yields and strong cash flows.

The shares might just catch the eye of investors who take profits in the high-flying sec-



Men of decision: the Opec ministers, whose deliberations can fix prices and investors' fortunes

tors now beginning to look a little pricier.

The County portfolio is strong on quality with investments in blue-chip companies whose fortunes nevertheless are strongly influenced by the oil price. They include such

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famous names as Shell, Burmah Oil, BP, Chevron, Exxon and Mobil. It also features diversified energy-related companies such as ICI and Rio-Tinto Zinc, power supply utilities and a few companies supplying services to the energy industry, which Mr Holland expects to show recovery as the oil price trends upwards.

What are absent from Mr Holland's list are speculative

wildcat oil prospectors of the sort which got dozens of Texan banks into trouble when the oil price slumped, or the giant energy companies such as Dornier of Canada which spend more time talking to their bankers to re-arrange their huge debts than actually looking for oil.

Mr Holland says it is no good getting the energy price trend right if all you invest in is a company for which the only benefit is that bankruptcy is held at bay a little longer.

One man who managed to get most things right in the past year was Alec Callender, of Edinburgh investment managers Baillie Gifford. His energy trust rose 34.4 per cent on an offer-to-bid basis in the year to October 1, better even than the FT 30-Share Index.

Like Mr Holland, his secret of success was to invest in the

quality "majors" which not only explore and produce oil but have "downstream" operations that refine it into petrol, chemicals and other products and can therefore use any fall in price to their own advantage.

**Concentrating on quality again**

Mr Callender's tiny fund also reaped great benefits from investing in a Japanese electricity utility. The utility benefited from the falling oil price - which plummeted even faster in local terms as the yen rose - and saw its finance bills cut with dropping interest rates. Just to add icing on the cake, the strong yen meant more pounds for Mr Callender when he sold his investment.

With the oil price edging up again, Mr Callender is now extending his exposure to pure oil producers, but is again sticking to quality, avoiding the "Greedy Gulch Drilling Company" operations which have a nasty habit of drilling all the dry rock strata to be found in America's oilfields.

For those funds which put most of their clients' funds into producing companies, 1986 has been a tale of woe. The Target Energy Fund, which lost 30 per cent of its customers' money in the year to September, will not even make it into 1987, having just merged with its sister Commodity Fund. As the pair were respectively the third and fourth worst performing unit trusts in the land, it can only be hoped that the sum-proves to be greater than the parts.

Richard Lander

**A critical case**

The legal aid system has had its fair share of critics. Barristers have raised objections to the low fee scale on which certain members of the Bar are remunerated. Solicitors have their reservations, and now the National Consumer Council (NCC) has its say.

The NCC criticizes the recommendations of a team from the Lord Chancellor's Department and the Treasury that advice centres should play a far more significant role in advising on civil disputes.

The NCC believes solicitors should continue to deal with the first interviews in divorce and personal injury suits, but says that advice centres tend to know far more than solicitors about claims for welfare benefits, landlord and tenant disputes and small claims in the county court - anything under £500 goes to informal arbitration in private, normally with the registrar as arbitrator.

Slowly but surely is the NCC's recommended route. It claims that at present advice centres are not equipped to take on the work and predicts the upgrading of advice centres would take 10 to 15 years.

"The present legal aid system must not be ditched without something better being put in its place," says the NCC chairman, Michael Montague. "Above all, we urge caution and time for full debate by all concerned before radical changes are made."

One particularly interesting NCC recommendation is the establishment of an independent legal council to set standards for all lawyers, investigate complaints and ensure basic competence. One wonders what the Bar Council and Law Society will have to say about that.

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**Insurers' fears**

Life insurance companies intend spending as much as £10 million on a television and press advertising campaign to convince the public of the merits of dealing through independent insurance intermediaries.

The move is being spearheaded by the big Scottish mutual life offices, including Standard Life and Scottish Widows, as well as English offices, including Clerical Medical and Norwich Union. The chairman of the new grouping, which officially does not exist yet, is Frank Attrill, of Scottish Widows. He is reluctant to go into great detail yet beyond saying that if agreement in principle can be reached among the companies concerned, an approach would then be made to organizations representing investment advisers and insurance brokers, such as FIMBRA and BIBA, to ensure that the plans of the life companies and intermediaries were not in conflict.

Traditionally, the mutual life offices, which control around 35 per cent of British life premium income, have got their business through independent intermediaries rather than tied sales forces. They fear the proposed Financial Services Act will make it more difficult for these intermediaries to stay in business and could lead to a drastic cut in market share for the mutuals.

Bill Proudfoot, Scottish Amicable's chief executive, said this week: "If polarization comes about as a result of the legislation, we would put a substantial part of our annual £3 million advertising budget into this campaign."

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Shape of loans to come

The Halifax, Britain's biggest building society, announced this week its plans for 1987 and beyond. MARTIN BAKER analyses the prospects for a traditional industry in the throes of radical change and asks what it means for the consumer

Plastic is certainly becoming increasingly popular. The Halifax has developed its own system of cash transmission, but the other societies have pooled resources and come up with two rival cash networks, LINK and MATRDX.

The advantages of sharing capital costs are obvious - those holes in the wall are expensive, but one wonders what they do for the competitive edge of the network members.

Neither system is fully integrated yet. In other words, the cardholder of one society cannot use another society's hole in the wall. But once the new Act comes into force and building societies are allowed to grant overdrafts, integration will be easier.

The power to lend without taking property as security will certainly help the societies fuel the boom in consumer credit.

The building societies are aware of the threat from the banks and have, therefore, chosen to tread cautiously. Enthusiasms and fears are, of course, spread unevenly throughout the industry. And the balance of confidence will reflect the services provided next year.

No society will be exploiting all its new freedoms at once. Every one will select its particular favourite and nurture it carefully.

Current account banking, for example, is far from universally popular. The Halifax will not be challenging the banks directly in this field. "If at all possible we want to enter money transmission on a plastic card rather than a paper basis," said a spokesman.

There are no prizes for guessing why. "The banks have generations of experience with cheque accounts and a massive high street presence. If we were to compete with the Barclays and the NatWest in that area it would require massive capital investment."

But the Nationwide sees the provision of a cheque guarantee card as a key new service for 1987.

Nationwide regards the fact that it will pay interest to its cheque account customers as a crucial competitive edge and appears unafraid of the expense of handling cheques or the expertise of the banks.

Most big societies are uncertain which way to jump. Should they take on the banks, or do as the Halifax is doing and "try to miss out on a stage of money transmission which we believe will be obsolete in 20 years' time"? We shall see.

Plan, all of which are more or less direct competitors with its own investment accounts - although some pension plans invest in building society deposits, and the PEP will allow investors to keep their cash on tax-free deposit for a year before the plunge into the share market.

The talk in what was once a gentle, almost timeless, industry is now of supermarkets and products. "We shall be taking a Sainsbury's line rather than a Marks & Spencer approach," said Nationwide.

The Halifax will be taking things a little more slowly. Pensions and PEPs are not scheduled before 1988.

Housing services are also set to change. No society is as yet keen to embark upon conveyancing. They are content simply to see the lawyers' fees washed down by competition. Many are also looking at developing, selling or renting their own houses, while more house sales will be done through the medium of tied estate agents.

Nationwide has acquired 260 offices around the country, while the Halifax has negotiated just one deal in Yorkshire, with "others in the pipeline, although progress is slow."

What about mutualism? It may not seem important to the consumer, not as though a change of status will make an immediate and obvious difference, but some managers feel corporate status will help them in the day-to-day running of the company.

The Abbey National, for example, will not reveal its plans before a special meeting of members in November, and Nationwide's plans need ratification next week.

Although the possible change to limited company status will not change the colour of the office wallpaper, there are significant advantages to be gained.

Ask any TSB priority applicant. Once a building society relinquishes its mutualism it loses its protection from takeover. This could also be beneficial for members: Citisavings, the financial services arm of Citicorp has made no secret of its desire to acquire a building society of about 250 branches, and there are rumours of the predatory intentions of other banks looking for a "delivery system".

For some building societies, mutualism is no more than a benign fiction which protects them from takeover. What may be good for the share price may not be good for the board of directors, goes a

rather timorous train of thought.

The Abbey National has been flirting more or less openly with corporate status for the past few years. A spokesman said the Abbey has certainly been taking a "rigorous look" at going public, but while "the plc issue is being reviewed the new business gives us more than enough to do in the short term".

The new Act will make societies wait for at least a year before converting in any event. Furthermore, at least 20 per cent of members must participate in the decision - a tall order for a society with a big membership base.

Nationwide said it will retain its mutual status. "We're offering the same services, but not the same philosophy as the banks," Tim Melville-Ross, the chief general manager, said when announcing the new services that there would be no change from mutual to proprietary status while the society "can operate and provide services effectively".

For the consumer the new building society freedoms are a good thing. They represent greater choice and flexibility in financial services. As one society spokesman said: "We applaud the banks' expertise, not their opening hours."

The pace of change will not be great, but the effects will be profound. It may well be that even bank customers will feel the benefits of the Building Societies Act 1986. The banks have for some time been resisting the idea of paying interest on current account balances, which last year averaged £3 billion at the big four high street banks.

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**PROPERTY**

Estate agency has remained the investment flavour for most of 1986, as big financial institutions look for new worlds to conquer.

Banks, insurance companies and building societies are all crowding in, and only last week the Prudential announced that it now has 225 estate agents in its chain - almost half-way to the 500 it hopes to own by the end of next year.

Even the present numbers are vast by the standards of traditional estate agency, but both the Hambro Countryside chain and the Lloyds Black Horse Agency are bigger than Prudential Property Services.

New players will soon be joining them. The Nationwide, Britain's third biggest building society, plans to have a network of 350 agencies by the end of next year, though it still needs a formal go-ahead from a meeting of its members later on this year. The Halifax, too, has bought 18 agencies, a characteristically cautious toehold into the market, compared with the Nationwide's splash.

Every entrant provides a ritual declaration about the virtues of being in estate agency, and all of them can almost certainly offer customers a much wider selection

of properties than they will see in the traditional estate agents. But if commission on house sales is the bread and butter - and a lot of bread and butter is charged - financial services should provide them with a thick layer of jam.

For a start you will need a mortgage, and both the British and American banks are just as keen to provide them as the building societies. The old days of recommended mortgage rates have long gone, and a whole series of lenders now offer people the option to borrow at a fixed rate for the three years, rather than face fluctuating costs.

Through last summer, there were considerable variations on the income multiple that lenders would use to decide how much you could borrow, even if that is less marked now.

All that ensures that the mortgage offer your new-look estate agent may provide is not necessarily the one that suits you best, and it may well make sense to look elsewhere.

Mortgages are just where matters start. If you take out an insurance-linked endowment mortgage the new estate agents will certainly have a package on offer. They will be just as keen to sell you insurance covering both the structure of the house and



A wide choice of property, and of the financial package that goes with it

your possessions inside it. Whatever happens, there will be no compulsion. If you happen to buy a house through one of the Nationwide network, you can always use a loan from the Halifax to finance it. Equally, Prudential Property Services will accept a Norwich Union endowment policy to cover the insurance part of any mortgage you use.

But one in five people who come into estate agents' stores are first-time buyers, and they will certainly be steered, though not forced, into the owners' various loans or policies. The same will apply to second-time buyers who want

to extend an endowment mortgage. But the Prudential's agencies will have only Prudential policies on offer, and the Royal will probably take the same line, with the agencies where it has a minority stake.

The Prudential's estate agency side may be excellent. How will building societies react on the insurance side of house-buying? That depends partly on the final detail of the Financial Services Bill.

As things stand now, the Bill will ensure that intermediaries, including the societies, will either have to be agents for one company, or act as

form there are better groups to provide it.

At the moment, the company's charges for contents insurance are certainly ahead of those of its competitors - though the Prudential believes others will leapfrog over them and raise their premiums higher in future.

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brokers, committed to providing the best terms available. Building societies currently straddle the two positions, acting as agents for five or six different companies.

If last-minute changes allow them to continue in that position, they will be de-facto agents for one of the other, odds are that the Nationwide and Halifax will act as brokers.

New entrants to the house agency business have brought in new ideas as well as the Prudential will actually act as a chain-breaker buying in a house that is holding up a whole series of sales and purchases in certain circumstances. But virtues on one side of the business do not imply that you should take the financial packages you may be offered.

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**How to coin it**

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Although Mr Andrew warns against the caprice of the coin market, readers really must bear in mind the investment risks. If you like coins for their own sake you are less likely to be disappointed.

**More for Europe**

European funds have been very popular with the marketing men. Every good fund manager should have one, seems to have been the motto. But three in one stable? Surely this is over-egging the pudding?

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**Pru's new one**

The Prudential's willingness to spend £200 million on establishing a nationwide estate agency network is indicative of the revolution which is sweeping the property market in the UK. Its latest acquisition is Cubitt & West, the firm of estate agents employing 300 people in 25 branches in the south of England. The Prudential was not Cubitt & West's only suitor. David Hill, the joint senior partner of the firm, says it was wooed by 20 others keen to snap up a ready-made outlet for financial products such as



**Insurance and mortgages.**  
The insurance companies and latterly the building societies are looking for so-called high net worth individuals to whom they can sell their services in an increasingly competitive market. Cubitt & West fits the bill nicely, being located in one of the most affluent areas of the country.

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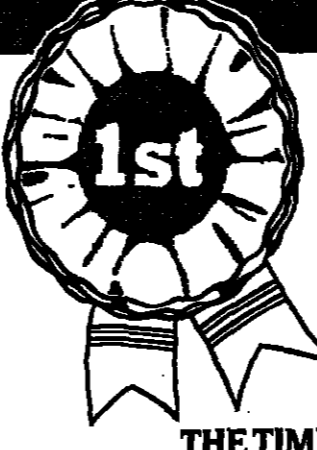
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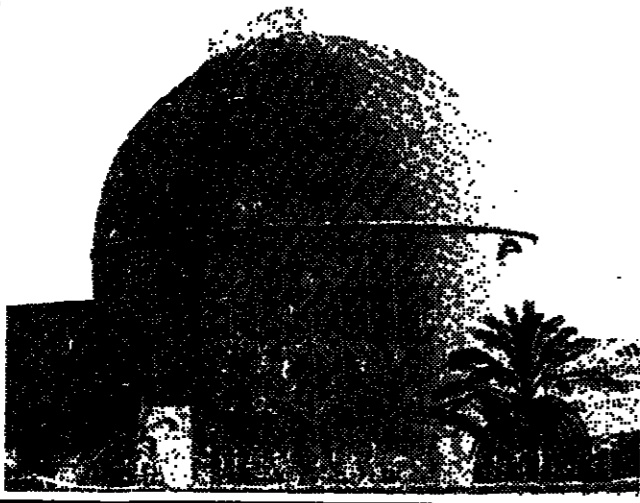
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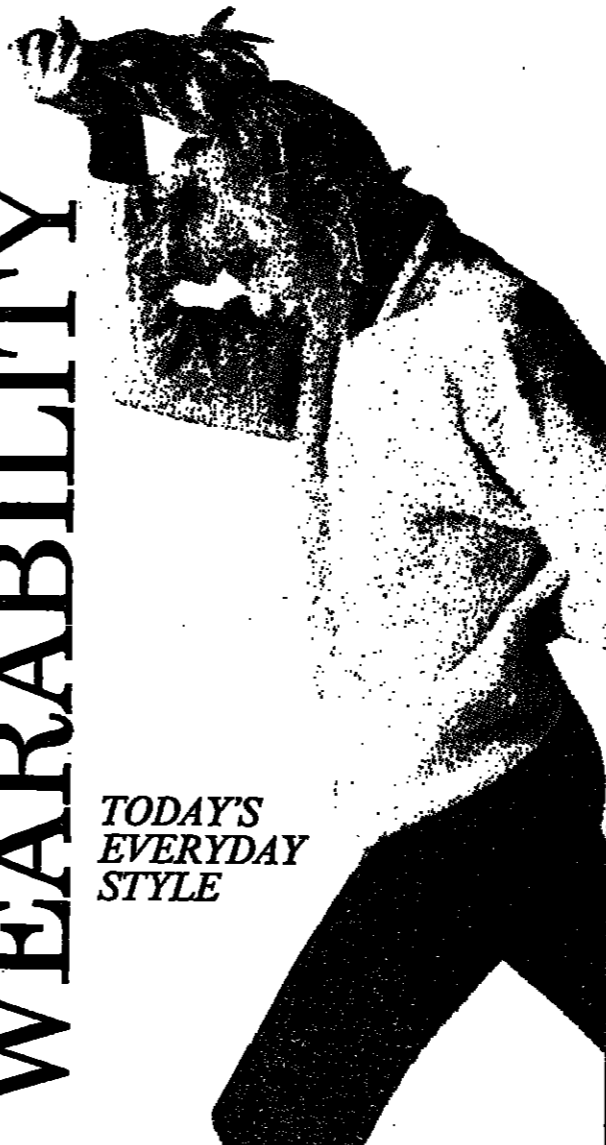
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St Leger course open space for public recreation

Regina v Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council, Ex parte Braim

Before Mr Justice McCullough [Judgment given October 11] Doncaster Common, best known as the site of the St Leger, within the meaning of section 123(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, Mr Justice McCullough held in the Regina v Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council, Ex parte Braim, that the public's use of the common for purposes of recreation was not only lawful but as of right.

Mr Charles George for the applicant, Mr Braim, Mr Christopher Whybrow for the defendant Metropolitan Borough Council. MR JUSTICE McCULLOUGH said that Mr Braim applied by way of judicial review for a declaration that an area of land known as Doncaster Common, which was owned by Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council, constituted an "open space" within the meaning of section 123(2A) of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980.

His application was prompted because of the corporation's intention to grant a lease giving exclusive possession of part of the common to the Town Moor Golf Club, which intended to erect a new clubhouse thereon.

The council's predecessor in title had become lord of the manor in 1503. The best known use of one part of the common was the race course, and the St Leger was run. Racing had taken place there since about 1600. Another part of the common had been used since about 1894 for playing golf.

In 1911 the Town Moor Golf Club was given permission to use the National Hunt course, which adjoined the St Leger course, on the understanding that no exclusive right of use was being granted.

The golfers at present crossed over the railway road from the present clubhouse on to a triangular piece of land lying to the south of the two courses, and had then to duck under the rails to reach the links. The club's intention was to build a new clubhouse on the triangular piece.

Evidence showed that people had been walking over the common for many years, and that now it was used also for flying kites and model aeroplanes, and picnicking.

and that children kicked balls about and played tennis, french cricket and the like.

Understandably, the race-course staff discouraged use of the tracks, save for crossing, and on racing days they did so in the interests of safety, but there was no evidence that those using the common for the purposes mentioned had ever been treated as trespassers.

Nor had there ever been a notice prohibiting or restricting such user.

The council asserted that it had in effect chosen not to enforce its rights in trespass strictly, no minute or record of any such decision was produced to support that view.

Mr Whybrow contended that use for public recreation had to be as of right, and that use in pursuance of a bare licence would not suffice. He said that the council had no right to use the land for air and exercise derived from section 193 of the Law of Property Act 1925 was extinguished because the land had not been registered under the Commons Registration Act 1965, and that there was no evidence of any grant since then.

Mr George contended, first, that provided user was lawful, it need not be as of right, and alternatively that user as of right dated from a time before 1926, and that there was nothing to prevent the court from inferring a modern lost grant.

After examining the evidence His Lordship concluded that prior to 1926 the rights used by the public did not depend upon tolerance or permission of Doncaster Corporation; that at no stage was there anything to suggest that their use was on sufferance only, and that there had been no assertion of any right to end such use before the present dispute arose.

The only reasonable factual inference to be drawn was that from some date prior to 1860 the public had used the common for recreation as of right.

It remained to consider whether the law permitted such an inference to be drawn. Section 193 gave the public rights of air and exercise over manorial waste within a borough or urban district, and counsel agreed that manorial waste for present purposes meant land which was parcel of a manor and uncultivated and unoccupied: see *In re Boxhill Common* (1980) 1 Ch 109.

Mowing of the race courses or the golf course did not constitute "cultivation". The golf club did not have exclusive

possession, and could not be said to occupy the land.

The race courses were run by the council itself and the parts of the common on the common, could, likewise, not be described as "occupied".

It followed that in so far as the public did not have use as of right, before such rights came into existence in 1926 as a result of section 193, but that if, as his Lordship had found, the public already enjoyed such rights, the fact that the common had not been registered under the Commons Registration Act 1965 could not detract from those pre-existing rights.

What was claimed was neither an easement, a profit or a right of common, but a right to the right which local inhabitants might enjoy over a town or village green, but there was a difference, since the latter right was not a right of the public as a whole, and it derived from custom. In the present case the right could not be based on custom.

Having referred to *In re Heddon* (1932) 1 Ch 133, His Lordship concluded that it would have been possible for the corporation to have created a trust, in a proper legal manner, giving a right of recreation to the public.

Mr Whybrow likened the right claimed to a *ius spatium*, which he contended, relying on *Mowbray v Mowbray* (1863) 3 H & C 486, was a right unknown to English law.

But His Lordship, after considering *In re Ellenborough Park* (1956) 1 Ch 131, *Tyne Improvement Commissioners v Irvine* (1899) 81 LT 174, *Goodman v Mayor of Salath* (1882) 7 App Cas 633 and *Attorney General v Antrobus* (1905) 2 Ch 188, concluded that he had an express grant of the rights claimed being produced, the law would have recognized their validity.

2 the law allowed the court to presume that at some time prior to 1860, such rights were validly granted;

3 the evidence could not be satisfactorily explained by mere sufferance or licence, and 4 the presumption was therefore to be drawn that there had been what everyone had assumed to be the case was correct, namely that the public's use of Doncaster Common for purposes of recreation was not only lawful but as of right.

His Lordship would therefore make the declaration sought. Solicitors: Dibb & Clegg with Ashurst & Co, Doncaster; Mr D. Littlewood, Doncaster.

RUGBY UNION: MORE PEOPLE WILL BE WATCHING DOWN UNDER THAN AT TWICKENHAM

Eyes of world trained on England today

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Even though there may not be too many thronging the terraces at Twickenham today — an attendance of around 15,000 is expected — there will be considerable interest abroad in the England XV's performance against Japan. Yet the last memory of England that many Sydney enthusiasts have is an impoverished display during the international sevens tournament seven months ago on the same ground; they will be nothing if not cynical when May comes round.

So England's display today is important for that reason, quite apart from the need for a morale-boosting win over Japan and a match in which the selectors and coaches can assess the progress of their charges over the last two months. Harsh judgements may be made by the public, too, if England do not run in 40 or 50 points because the scale of some of the wins by regional representative teams against the Japanese on this tour, which ends today, will have led them to expect it.

England's preparations concluded yesterday at the Bank of England ground when Hall, the Bath flanker, was an absentee because of an ear infection. He is, however, expected to play and England will be looking for an aggressive display from him and his back-row colleagues, Richards and Rees, because that is the way they hope to break the first line of the Japanese defence. Early points may come from the boot of Barnes, who is first-choice goal-kicker ahead of Rose.

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Concord Oval, opened by New South Wales in March, will be the alternative venue.

That is a much smaller ground, capable of holding over 20,000, and it should be full to overflowing when Australia play England. Yet the last memory of England that many Sydney enthusiasts have is an impoverished display during the international sevens tournament seven months ago on the same ground; they will be nothing if not cynical when May comes round.

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Leaping into action: Salmon aiming to show that he can play a bit

play a bit himself. Halliday knows that his club colleague, Palmer, and Summs are breathing down his neck and Bailey is aware that he must prove himself as a right wing.

In that respect it may be worth emphasizing that the selectors are choosing him on what has become the less familiar wing. It is a mark of the confidence the selectors have in him as a footballer that he has been chosen in the first place and he will hope to repay them by showing the qualities of strength and pace which Oti, the Cambridge University and Nottingham wing, did so conclusively for the Combined England Students on Tuesday.

It will be Japan's seventh encounter with an England team, the third in this country. In 1973 and 1976 they played under-23 teams, losing home and 58-15 in 1971 and 2-3 and they lost 27-19 and 3-3 in 1979, when England toured again, the Japanese lost 21-19

and 38-18. It is almost superfluous to say that the touring party will be giving their all, an all which concerned the Scots a fortnight ago and almost overturned Wales three years ago.

TEAMS FOR TWICKENHAM

ENGLAND XV: W M H Rose (Harlequins); M D Bailey (Wasps); J L B Salmon (Harlequins); S J Halliday (Bath); R Underwood (Leicester); S Barnes (Bath); R J Hill (Bath); captain; G J Chilcott (9-10); B C Moore (Nottingham); G S Pearce (Northampton); J P Hall (Bath); N C Redman (Bath); S Bainbridge (Fulham); G W Rees (Nottingham); D Richards (Leicester). Replacements: J Carleton (Oxford); G Andrew (Wasps); R H Harding (Bristol); M Hogg (Wasps); R G R Dawe (Bath); P J Winterbottom (Huddersfield). REFEREE: R Megson (Scotland).

No retrospective invalidation of debenture transaction

Mace Builders (Glasgow) Ltd v Lunn

Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Gledhill

[Judgment given October 7] Section 322(1) of the Companies Act 1948 did not have the retrospective effect of invalidating transactions by a debenture holder to reach the age of 21.

The Court of Appeal so held, dismissing an appeal by the plaintiffs, Mace Builders (Glasgow) Ltd, from the decision of Mr Justice Scott on January 29, 1985, (1985) Ch 199, that the defendant, Denis Christopher Carrier Lunn, was not required by section 322(1) to repay the proceeds of a debenture realized less than 12 months before the plaintiffs went into liquidation.

Mr Alan Steinfield for the liquidator of the plaintiffs, Mr Gregory Hill for the defendant. THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that on May 21, 1981, the plaintiffs, a Scottish company, granted to the defendant, their managing director, a debenture containing a floating charge to secure their indebtedness to him up to a total of £100,000. The debenture was granted in consideration of his giving further financial support to the plaintiffs.

It was common ground that at the time the plaintiffs were not solvent and that the amount of further financial support by the defendant amounted to £20,000. On November 2, 1981, the defendant, in the exercise of his rights under the debenture, appointed himself receiver of the plaintiffs and sold their assets for the sum of £95,000. He then applied that sum towards repayment of the plaintiffs' indebtedness to himself secured by the debenture.

On May 20, within 12 months of the granting of the debenture, the plaintiffs went into liquidation in Scotland.

In the present action, the liquidator sought repayment from the defendant of the £95,000, less the £20,000 together with interest thereon at the rate authorized by section 322 of the Companies Act 1948.

Mr Justice Scott dismissed the plaintiffs' claim holding that section 322(1) did not invalidate anything done under the authority of a floating charge prior to the commencement of the winding-up of the company.

It had to be emphasized that the court was purely concerned with the construction of section 322 and was not concerned with the particular consequences of the defendant's having committed the winding-up of the company, debenture holder and receiver.

Section 322(1) provided: "Where a company is being wound up, a floating charge on property of the company created within 12 months of the commencement of the winding-up shall, unless it is proved that the company immediately after the creation of the charge was solvent, be invalid, except to the extent of any cash paid to the company at the time of or subsequently to the creation of, the charge, together with interest."

In *In re Parkes Garage (Svaldincio) Ltd* (1929) 1 Ch 139, a Divisional Court of the Chancery Division held that although section 212 of the Companies (Consolidation) Act 1908, a predecessor of section 322, rendered a charge in a debenture invalid when the company went into liquidation, that did not affect the covenants to pay the principal and interest due under the debenture, so that money paid to the debenture holder in pursuance of the covenants did not have to be repaid.

Mr Justice Scott held that the effect of section 322 was only to avoid the charge on the winding-up. The defendant, in discharging the company's indebtedness to himself as acting as the receiver and agent

of the company, was not required to repay the proceeds of a debenture realized less than 12 months before the plaintiffs went into liquidation.

His Lordship agreed that the necessary conclusion from section 17(1) of the Companies (Floating Charges and Receivers) (Scotland) Act 1972 was that the defendant and his agent 322 of the Companies Act 1948 was the company's act.

However, that did not dispose of the appeal because (a) the court was not bound by *Parkes Garage* and (b) if the charge was invalid, except to the extent of the cash paid to the company, the defendant appointed himself receiver, he had no authority under section 17(1) to act on behalf of the company.

The court had been invited to construe section 322 of the 1948 Act in tandem with section 322(1), which related to fraudulent preferences. If the latter section applied to the transaction it would render the whole transaction invalid and give rise to a right of repayment. *In re Glyn* (1879) 9 Ch D 200.

The plaintiffs argued that the word "invalid" in both sections meant that the same consequences ensued from invalidity under each section.

But section 322 rendered the floating charge invalid *simpliciter*, whereas section 320 rendered it "invalid accordingly", which related back to the earlier words of the section and meant invalid with consequences which would flow under the law of bankruptcy if the transaction had been by an individual rather than a company.

One was left with the section itself. The opening words showed that it had no application unless and until the company was being wound up. His Lordship was satisfied that that section was confined to the winding-up, and that the authority of the charge which had been completed before the commencement of the winding-up were unaffected.

Lord Justice Nourse delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Gledhill agreed. Solicitors: Middleton Potts & Co, Walkers, Tunbridge Wells.

Unbeaten clubs in demanding task

By David Hands

Two of the leading unbeaten clubs in Britain, Swansea and Saracens, face challenges of a different order today. Swansea have the short journey to Llanelli conscious that it was their West Wales rivals who deprived Bath of their unbeaten tag. Their only absentee is Emyr, the wing who strained a muscle playing for the first time last week. England's selectors may wish to note that Colclough, the lock, plays his second game for Swansea's second team, against Newbridge United.

Saracens, however, may face their John Smith's merit table 'B' game against London Irish with much more conviction since circumstances have contrived to take away so many of the leading Irish players.

The Irish have been told that a national squad session has been called for next weekend, which will remove their leading players when they are due to play Wasps on the Sunday.

Thereafter come the Irish inter-provincial games which will leave the club's team-building plans with a somewhat forlorn look.

Cambridge University will be hoping to recover from a mid-week defeat against St Mary's Hospital, an event overlooked for over the last few seasons. They bring in Cushing, the London Scottish scrum half, but are unlikely to get much change from Nottingham, their visitors, who own scrum half Moon, appeared in light blue ranks two years ago. Collinson and Thornley replace Moore and Rees in the Nottingham pack.

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

**Orrell v Moseley** Steve Taberner, normally a full back, plays centre for Orrell instead of the regular captain, Steve Moseley who is still weakened by injuries.

**Wasps v Bristol** Andy Dun, the former Wasps captain, returns as captain of Bristol against the visiting Wasps. Wasps have Russell and Brooks at stand-off and prop instead of England's regular players, Andrew and Randall.

**Liverpool/St Helens v Bath** Andy Robinson returns to the Bath back row instead of Stuart against the successful northern club; they will miss Hale, their promising lock, who is injured.

**Gosforth v Headingley** Headingley play their first table B game of the season with new-comers Selkirk and Parnegon in their pack. Gosforth, led by Curry, are much affected by injuries.

**Cardiff v Northampton** Northampton travel to Cardiff since 1985 and have two replacements in their pack today, Heywood for Pearce and Eales for the injured Cannon. Cardiff have a new scrum half and will be looking for an improvement.

**Gloucester v Harlequins** The third John Smith's merit table game of the season, Gloucester have the chance to erase memories of a 40-point defeat last season. Mogg plays in the three-quarters against opponents who have a Thresher at full back and Dent at centre.

Davies the 'playaholic' falls foul of the invisible injury

By Gerald Davies

Jonathan Davies, the Wales stand-off half and captain of Neath, had hoped to be playing lock for his club, a somewhat reluctant onlooker for a while. He has been out of the game since his club's match against Cardiff on September 13.

What he had thought was a strained hamstring was diagnosed earlier this week as a torn one, which means another six weeks' rest. It had happened to him before when playing for the Irish Wolfhounds. With the amount of rugby he has played in the last 12 months this latest setback is not surprising.

But the dancing fly-boy in the three-quarters with his so-called hamstring problem is trying to pull a fast one. The psychiatrist's, not the physiotherapist's, couch is the answer.

From his team-mates, too, the news of the hamstring is greeted with the nudge-nudge, wink-wink kind of bar-room scepticism. The trotting pattern of the forwards can rarely be said to simulate the finer tendons and ligaments; it is often seen as the prima donna's injury which should not be taken at all seriously.

Other cynics see his injury as a rest period in response to Tony Grey, the Welsh coach, who advised the leading players to restrict their number of games in view of the World Cup in the summer.

To talk to Davies, despite the early season reports of violence and the current serious debate in the International Rugby Board, is to understand the enthusiasm of the player for the game. Not to play now is an inconvenient disruption. To talk to him, too, is to understand the overwhelming slant the present-day for-

ward, in Wales particularly, gives to his play.

"The number of games I play," he comments, "where I find instructions coming from the pack to 'get us down there, let's play the game on their line.' Then they hold the ball at the back of the scrum, or somebody has to pick it up before giving it to the scrum half. By then the defence is up, we are flat-footed, so the stand-off can do very little but kick."

"Even at Neath I get it but as I am captain I have persuaded them otherwise. How can I forward know what tactics to employ when he has his head down in the scrum or low in the mud? When you look at New Zealand or play against their players the ball is returned as quickly as possible to the backs. They determine the play. And they are right, of course. Welsh rugby must do the same if we are to challenge successfully in the 'Cup next year'."

The Barbarians provided ample demonstration of what he meant at Newport on Tuesday night. The forwards made the platform but it was Harding and Andrew at half back who were in such a balanced way that it brought the best out of all the players. If Finlay Calder, Skinner and Moriarty had their moments, so did Hastings, Dunne and Iwan Evans. It is more of what British rugby ought to be aiming for.

Davies does not look like a man who might care to use a political lobby but he made a convincing argument for not having a forward as captain. A clear-cut three-quarter, perhaps? Or, possibly better still, someone at half back?

Sentencing power of appeal court is limited to that of court below

Arthur v Stringer

Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Paul Kennedy [Judgment delivered October 8]

The power conferred on justices by section 10(3) of the Magistrates' Act 1980, to adjourn after convicting a person and before sentencing him, did not entitle them so to adjourn for the sole purpose of allowing him to reach the age of 21 so that they could pass a sentence which they could not have passed when he was under 21.

It followed that a crown court, on an appeal under section 48 of the Supreme Court Act 1981 against a sentence passed by justices, did not have power to adjourn the appeal until the appellant reached 21; its powers on appeal were limited to those exercised when they passed sentence.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held, allowing an appeal by James Arthur, Chief Inspector of Coventry Crown Court from Coventry Crown Court (Judge Wilson and Justice)

which on April 24, 1985 had imposed a suspended prison sentence on the defendant, Mr David Ivor Stringer, when allowing his appeal from a sentence of immediate detention imposed by justices.

The defendant had been aged 20 when sentenced by the justices, but had been over 21 when the crown court had heard his appeal.

Mr Christopher Hodson for the prosecutor; Mr John Saunders for the defendant. LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said that the crown court appeared to have believed that they had power to adjourn hearing the appeal until the defendant was 21. Attractive as that sounded, it ignored the fact that Parliament had protected persons under 21 from having a sentence of imprisonment passed on them and had deliberately not provided for youth custody or detention centre orders to be suspended.

Under section 48 of the 1981 Act the crown court had no more power on appeal from justices than the justices had

had when they had passed the sentence under appeal. It was implicit in section 10(3) of the 1980 Act that the power to adjourn before passing sentence was to be exercised judicially.

It was not exercised judicially where justices adjourned for any other purpose than to allow the defendant to become 21; it was an abuse of the power to adjourn for that purpose.

His Lordship, on his first appearance before a court after his conviction, was below the age at which he could be sentenced to imprisonment, it was all circumstances unlawful for the court to exercise, or to purport to exercise, the power of adjournment so as to be able to pass a term of imprisonment on him.

The crown court had acted unlawfully in passing the suspended prison sentence. It would be quashed and a conditional discharge substituted. Mr Justice Paul Kennedy agreed. Solicitors: Mr J. S. Manson, Birmingham; Varley Hibbs & Co, Coventry.

Warm welcome awaits champions

By Ian McLachlan

Hawick, the champions, travel to Burnae, probably their least favourite ground, to face a West of Scotland side brimming with confidence in the top game in the McEwan's National League. Sandy Carmichael, the West coach, has made one change in his pack. Ruscini being dropped to make way for Rizzio, so as to give the home side more options in the line-out. At full back the new recruit, Blair is replaced by Drummond.

Hawick with Hogg at full back for their injured centre, Easton, will be relieved to welcome back their most prolific scorer, Gass. He takes over the stand-off and goal-kicking duties.

Even this early in the season it is a vital game for both sides and if the home locks, Gray and Rizzio, can dominate the touchline, as they did last weekend, a home win is on the cards.

Boroughmuir have reacted strongly to their defeat of last weekend and have made no fewer than four changes for their home game with Kelso. Out go Reekie, Cockburn, Coniston and Hall, replaced by Douglas, Wilson, Price and McKinnen at full back, loose-head, lock and scrum half respectively. The visitors increase their attacking options with the return from

Irish forced to wait

By George Ace

Injuries have delayed the naming of the Ulster team to meet Munster on October 25 in Cork, as well as the Ireland side to face Romania at Lansdowne Road a week later.

This will allow the national selectors, in particular, a second opportunity to watch Leinster, for whom Tony Harte plays in the centre — when they, Llanelli at Strady Park on Wednesday.

Hugo MacNeill, the Ireland full back, appears to be coming back into favour with the Leinster selectors.

Nigel Carr, the Ireland wing game against NIFC because of a badly bruised hip, a legacy of a last week's Ulster match against Yorkshire.

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RACING: TASHTIYA NAPPED TO WIN PRINCESS ROYAL STAKES

Speedy Indian Forest can put home contingent in their place

With the home defence looking distinctly vulnerable, Indian Forest looks more than capable of winning the Cornwalls Stakes at Ascot today for his Chantilly-based trainer, Georges Mikhalides. By the successful first-season stallion Green Forest, who is also the sire of Forest Flower, Indian Forest has already won at Saint-Cloud, Deauville, and Longchamp. The most recent of those wins was gained in the group three Prix d'Arenberg where Indian Forest recorded the very fastest time of 58.6 seconds. That performance gave ample indication of Indian Forest's pace and, with Jorge Velazquez in the saddle, he should see off the disappointing home team. Without the French challenger, making a choice would indeed be difficult. I would probably have plumped for Amigo Sucio, who was involved in that close finish for the Coventry Stakes during the Royal meeting way back in June. More recently, Amigo Sucio has won a group two race over six furlongs at Baden-Baden. However, he is penalized as a result and is likely to find the task of conceding 4lb to Indian Forest beyond him. Earlier in the day, Tashtiya is napped to win the Princess Royal Stakes. While conceding that it is sometimes foolish to oppose sound pattern race form, as represented here by Salchow, Starino, and Mill On The Floss, I still feel that, in this instance, it is worth siding with Tashtiya who will be fresher than most at this stage of the season with only two races behind him. Also I happened to be on the Limekilns at Newmarket last Saturday morning when Tashtiya went really well in a gallop with the Yorkshire Oaks-winner, Untold. To me, that was concrete proof that the way that the Aga Khan's Shergar filly had slammed

Hotel Street at Yarmouth — and remember Hotel Street had won her previous race by 20 lengths — was not just a flash in the pan. During the same work morning, I also saw Starino go better than Mill On The Floss. But she still has three lengths to make up on Salchow if one harps back to the Park Hill Stakes. Significantly, Tashtiya's connections are not afraid of Salchow on because they have a line on her through another of their filices, Altiya, who was a place behind her at Doncaster, and at Chester in the spring. Finding the winner of the Bovis Handicap is invariably like searching for the proverbial needle in a haystack. My search eventually unearthed Young Inca who has won the race before. With three other victories on the course to his credit, he is something of a standing dish at Ascot and what is more he has a good

low draw. In contrast, his stable and travelling companion, Derry River, could easily see 100 much daylight too early drawn 16. Perion, who has been placed at Goodwood since finishing third behind Felipe Toro in the Portland Handicap, is my idea of the principal danger to Young Inca. Felipe Toro himself contests the Coral Bookmakers Sprint Trophy at York, where a high draw next to the rails looks tailor-made to suit his aggressive front-running style. I am hopeful he will trigger off a double for his owner, Dick Warden, trainer, Peter Easterby, and jockey, Mark Birch, to be completed a little over an hour later by Tap in the Rockingham Stakes. The very easy winner of his last three races, On Tap should prove too quick over only six furlongs for Midyan, who looked a bit one-paced when beaten over further at Goodwood in July.



Majaahed, seen here gaining a clearcut success at York in June, returns to Knavesmire this afternoon for the Mail On Sunday Three-Year-Old Series Handicap

Virus hits Dancing Brave's stable

Guy Harwood, who on Thursday became the first trainer to reach a 100 winners this season, confirmed at Ascot yesterday that many of the horses in his stable have a coughing virus. Harwood, the Fulborough trainer, has no intention of isolating his Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner, Dancing Brave. Harwood said: "It is not a serious illness and the horses are over it in three or four days. I don't believe in isolating horses and Dancing Brave is clear of the virus at the moment." Ascot report, results, p41 Dancing Brave has thrived since returning from Paris and is still on course for the Breeders' Cup Turf at Santa Anita in three weeks' time. He is expected to fly to the United States eight days before the race. Earlier this week Harwood announced that the stable's Cesarewitch favourite, Bannerol, was likely to miss the Newmarket race because of the virus and the trainer confirmed yesterday that Shipbourne and El Conquistador would be his only runners.

ASCOT Selections

- 2.00 Rose Reef. 2.30 TASHTIYA (nap). 3.00 Young Inca. 3.35 Indian Forest. 4.10 Blenders Choice. 4.40 Pictograph. 2.00 Mighty Glow. 2.30 Tashtiya. 3.00 All Agreed. 3.35 Naturally Fresh. 4.10 Osric. 4.40 Nino Bibbia.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.30 Tashtiya. 3.00 YOUNG INCA (nap). Going: good to firm Draw: no advantage 2.0 HYPERION STAKES (2-Y-O: £9,645; 7) (6 runners) 104 (1) 011 TARTUFFE (D) (D) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 105 (2) 012 HONEY DANCER (A) (A) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. R Cochrane 95 5-4 106 (3) 013 MIGHTY GLOW (Princess A Sainan) M Jarvis 8-11. R Cook 100-1 107 (4) 2 ROSE REEF (P) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 108 (5) 014 TROVER (P) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4

2.30 PRINCESS ROYAL STAKES (Group III: fillies: £16,790; 1m 4f) (6 runners)

202 (6) 0-31220 MILL ON THE FLOSS (D) (L. Freedman) H Cecil 3-8-9. Paul Eddy 96 9-2 203 (7) 112-102 SALCHOW (Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) W Ham 3-8-9. G Stacey 95 5-4 204 (8) 2-1115 STARTINO (D) (P) (M) J McKelvey H Cecil 3-8-9. W Stacey 95 5-4 205 (9) 0-21 TASHIYA (Aga Khan) M Jarvis 8-11. W Stacey 95 5-4 206 (10) 12 HOTEL STREET (D) (P) (M) H Cecil 3-8-9. R Cochrane 95 5-4 207 (11) 4-04100 SPUN GOLD (Conley Properties Ltd) P Cole 3-8-9. W Waldron 95 5-4

3.00 BOVIS HANDICAP (£10,736; 5f) (16 runners)

303 (14) 010110 MANTON DAN (D) (D) Tucki N Vigors 3-8-7. P Cook 94 2-1 304 (15) 010120 ANROCK LAD (D) (D) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 305 (16) 232102 PERFECT TRAINING (D) (P) (V) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 310 (11) 211300 ALL AGREED (D) (P) (W) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 311 (12) 0-01000 BROADWATER MUSIC (D) (P) (H) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. M Himes 97 3-1 312 (13) 005000 YOUNG INCA (D) (P) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 313 (14) 110000 CREE BAY (D) (D) (O) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. A McIlroy 96 8-1 314 (15) 000402 DURHAM PLACE (D) (P) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 315 (16) 004000 LOCHTULLUM (D) (D) (D) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. R Cochrane 95 5-4 316 (17) 200200 PADDIE BOY (M) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. Paul Eddy 95 5-4 317 (18) 000200 DEPUTY HEAD (D) (P) (C) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. W Waldron 95 5-4 318 (19) 104003 PERION D (J) (W) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. W Waldron 95 5-4 319 (20) 000-000 MESSON KING (D) (P) (W) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. A McIlroy 94 12-1 320 (21) 300200 WOODCOCK D (M) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 321 (22) 12-020 ALMAROSE (M) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. R Fox 94 12-1 322 (23) 001843 DERRY RIVER (V) (D) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. C Rafter 95 5-4

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MANTON DAN 7th at Ascot (8-1) when PADDIE BOY (8-1) was 8th. LOCHTULLUM (8-3) and YOUNG INCA (8-1) were 9th and 10th respectively. PADDIE BOY (8-1) back to 2nd when he won at Newmarket, earlier (8-7) 1st and Merton Melody (8-7) at Chester, with ALL AGREED (8-7) 1st in the 1000 Guineas (8-7) 1st and Merton Melody (8-7) 2nd at Ascot. PADDIE BOY (8-1) back to 2nd when he won at Newmarket, earlier (8-7) 1st and Merton Melody (8-7) at Chester, with ALL AGREED (8-7) 1st in the 1000 Guineas (8-7) 1st and Merton Melody (8-7) 2nd at Ascot. PADDIE BOY (8-1) back to 2nd when he won at Newmarket, earlier (8-7) 1st and Merton Melody (8-7) at Chester, with ALL AGREED (8-7) 1st in the 1000 Guineas (8-7) 1st and Merton Melody (8-7) 2nd at Ascot.

YORK Selections

- 1.20 Four Star Thrust. 1.30 Peggy Carolyn. 1.50 Illumineux. 2.20 Prince Merandi. 2.50 Matou. 3.25 Sweet Delilah. 4.00 On Tap. 4.30 Gallant Galois.

Michael Seely's selection: 2.20 Navarzo. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.50 FELIPE TORO.

Going: good to firm Draw: low numbers best

1.20 SAM HALL MEMORIAL TROPHY HANDICAP (£4,643; 1m 6f) (8 runners) 2 (5) 222000 TRAPEZE ARTIST (D) (Introgroup Holdings Ltd) N Vigors 5-9-7. S Dawson 95 12-1 3 (6) 0-03000 PEGGY CAROLYN (D) (A) O'Hara M Ryan 4-10. J Tinkler 96 6-1 4 (7) 002000 LEON (Full Circle Thoroughbred) R Hill 4-10. J Tinkler 96 6-1 5 (8) 002211 FOUR STAR THRUST (M) (J) Turner W Whitaker 4-8-2 (exd). D McKelvey 95 12-1 6 (9) 002413 MARLOW (M) (M) Grant M S Hall 3-8-9. G Duffield 95 12-1 7 (10) 002400 PRINCE MERANDI (D) (P) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. J Lowe 95 12-1 8 (11) 002000 OUR BARRA BOY (D) (Commorata Ltd) M Chapman 9-7-7. J Carter 97 8-1

FORM

TRAPEZE ARTIST behind on last 3 starts, earlier (8-9) 2nd runner-up to Pictorus (8-1) at Longford (1m 6f, £2,785, good, Aug 16, 9m). LEON (8-1) 1st and Belmont (8-1) at Nottingham (1m 6f, £2,250, firm, Sept 8, 9m). FOUR STAR THRUST steps up to 7f after (8-1) starting on 5f and led Green Ruby (8-1) in the Avon Cup (8-1, £2,250, firm, Sept 19, 9m). PRINCE MERANDI, made all and had 2nd in hand over the MAXIMAL (8-9) when beating the course record at Ascot (7f, £5,562, firm, Sept 8, 8m). FORMYATIME was behind in the Cambridgehire, earlier (7-7) 1st over 3f and in the 1000 Guineas (8-9) 1st in hand over the MAXIMAL (8-9) when beating the course record at Ascot (7f, £5,562, firm, Sept 8, 8m). FORMYATIME was behind in the Cambridgehire, earlier (7-7) 1st over 3f and in the 1000 Guineas (8-9) 1st in hand over the MAXIMAL (8-9) when beating the course record at Ascot (7f, £5,562, firm, Sept 8, 8m).

1.50 CARLING BLACK LABEL LAGER HANDICAP (£5,063; 7f) (12 runners)

3 (5) 1-00000 ILLUMINEUX (D) (Makemum Al Makemum) M Adams 3-8-7. G Thomson 86 8-1 4 (12) 000100 SALDORI'S SONIC (D) (Introgroup Holdings) N Vigors 4-8-6. S Dawson 92 8-1 5 (11) 101200 CODICES (D) (P) (L) G Harwood 3-8-4. A Clerk 92 8-2 6 (10) 001440 INDSPOUR (D) (P) (S) G Harwood 3-8-4. J H Brown 92 8-2 7 (9) 001200 FORTY STAR THRUST (M) (J) Turner W Whitaker 4-8-2 (exd). D McKelvey 95 12-1 8 (8) 002413 MARLOW (M) (M) Grant M S Hall 3-8-9. G Duffield 95 12-1 9 (7) 002400 PRINCE MERANDI (D) (P) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. J Lowe 95 12-1 10 (6) 002000 OUR BARRA BOY (D) (Commorata Ltd) M Chapman 9-7-7. J Carter 97 8-1 11 (5) 002000 OUR BARRA BOY (D) (Commorata Ltd) M Chapman 9-7-7. J Carter 97 8-1

FORM

CODICES has run badly since (8-7) 1st Brighton (1m 6f) at the end of August (7f, £2,078, firm, 8m). INDSPOUR (8-1) 1st at Ascot (7f, £5,562, firm, Sept 19, 9m). FORTY STAR THRUST steps up to 7f after (8-1) starting on 5f and led Green Ruby (8-1) in the Avon Cup (8-1, £2,250, firm, Sept 19, 9m). PRINCE MERANDI, made all and had 2nd in hand over the MAXIMAL (8-9) when beating the course record at Ascot (7f, £5,562, firm, Sept 8, 8m). FORMYATIME was behind in the Cambridgehire, earlier (7-7) 1st over 3f and in the 1000 Guineas (8-9) 1st in hand over the MAXIMAL (8-9) when beating the course record at Ascot (7f, £5,562, firm, Sept 8, 8m).

2.20 'MAIL ON SUNDAY' HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £8,285; 1m 1f) (11 runners)

1 (1) 1-20000 NAJAZZATO (D) (Makemum Al Makemum) R Shearer 5-7. M Birch 94 5-1 2 (2) 010100 GEORGE'S DELIGHT (Shah Mikhalides) L Piggott 9-4. G Thomson 92 11-2 3 (3) 001433 FESTIVAL CITY (D) (P) (S) G Harwood 3-8-4. J H Brown 92 8-2 4 (4) 002413 MARLOW (M) (M) Grant M S Hall 3-8-9. G Duffield 95 12-1 5 (5) 3-02104 VERITABLE (D) (P) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. P Tinkler 95 12-1 6 (6) 002413 MARLOW (M) (M) Grant M S Hall 3-8-9. G Duffield 95 12-1 7 (7) 010000 PRINCESS NAJAZZ (D) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 8 (8) 002413 MARLOW (M) (M) Grant M S Hall 3-8-9. G Duffield 95 12-1 9 (9) 010000 MERTIMORE (D) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 10 (10) 300721 PRINCE MERANDI (M) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 11 (11) 4212 HARPER (D) (M) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4

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103 (12) 0-0432 TRINFORM (D) (M) (R) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4

3.35 CORNWALLS STAKES (Group III: 2-Y-O: £13,984; 5f) (10 runners)

401 (1) 113301 AMIGO SUCIO (D) (J) (L) K Brassey 9-1. G Whitworth 95 9-2 402 (2) 01 INAGHARY SKY (D) (M) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 403 (3) 10101 INDIAN FOREST (D) (M) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 404 (4) 10101 INDIAN FOREST (D) (M) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 405 (5) 10101 INDIAN FOREST (D) (M) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 406 (6) 10101 INDIAN FOREST (D) (M) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 407 (7) 10101 INDIAN FOREST (D) (M) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 408 (8) 10101 INDIAN FOREST (D) (M) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 409 (9) 10101 INDIAN FOREST (D) (M) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 410 (10) 10101 INDIAN FOREST (D) (M) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4

FORM

AMIGO SUCIO (8-2) beat Croft (8-2) 2nd at Baden-Baden (8f, £18,962, good, Sept 5, 6m). INDIAN FOREST (8-1) 1st at Ascot (7f, £13,984, good, Sept 10, 5m). SMILING STEVEN (8-1) was napped for the first time when beating WHIPPET (8-4) 1st at Ascot (5f, £10,532, good to firm, Sept 10, 5m). CHASSING ROCKINGHAM (8-1) 1st at Ascot (7f, £13,984, good to firm, Sept 10, 5m). SMILING STEVEN (8-1) was napped for the first time when beating WHIPPET (8-4) 1st at Ascot (5f, £10,532, good to firm, Sept 10, 5m).

4.10 CORINTHIAN HANDICAP (Amateurs: £3,253; 1m 4f) (12 runners)

504 (5) 003000 HOWFOLK SONATA (K) (K) Bester R Ross 3-12-0. T Grantman 97 3-1 505 (4) 011101 BLENDERS CHOICE (D) (M) (C) Connors J King 4-11-11. T Thomson Jones 96 12-1 506 (10) 003000 CANNON (M) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 507 (11) 002413 MARLOW (M) (M) Grant M S Hall 3-8-9. G Duffield 95 12-1 508 (12) 002413 MARLOW (M) (M) Grant M S Hall 3-8-9. G Duffield 95 12-1 509 (13) 002413 MARLOW (M) (M) Grant M S Hall 3-8-9. G Duffield 95 12-1 510 (14) 002413 MARLOW (M) (M) Grant M S Hall 3-8-9. G Duffield 95 12-1 511 (15) 002413 MARLOW (M) (M) Grant M S Hall 3-8-9. G Duffield 95 12-1 512 (16) 002413 MARLOW (M) (M) Grant M S Hall 3-8-9. G Duffield 95 12-1 513 (17) 002413 MARLOW (M) (M) Grant M S Hall 3-8-9. G Duffield 95 12-1 514 (18) 002413 MARLOW (M) (M) Grant M S Hall 3-8-9. G Duffield 95 12-1 515 (19) 002413 MARLOW (M) (M) Grant M S Hall 3-8-9. G Duffield 95 12-1 516 (20) 002413 MARLOW (M) (M) Grant M S Hall 3-8-9. G Duffield 95 12-1 517 (21) 002413 MARLOW (M) (M) Grant M S Hall 3-8-9. G Duffield 95 12-1 518 (22) 002413 MARLOW (M) (M) Grant M S Hall 3-8-9. G Duffield 95 12-1 519 (23) 002413 MARLOW (M) (M) Grant M S Hall 3-8-9. G Duffield 95 12-1 520 (24) 002413 MARLOW (M) (M) Grant M S Hall 3-8-9. G Duffield 95 12-1

4.40 BROCA'S HANDICAP (£7,947; 1m) (10 runners)

602 (5) 042300 NINO BIBBIA (D) (Shah Mikhalides) L Curran 5-8-7. R Cochrane 95 8-1 603 (6) 003110 MINKEY (D) (M) (P) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 604 (7) 003110 MINKEY (D) (M) (P) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 605 (8) 003110 MINKEY (D) (M) (P) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 606 (9) 003110 MINKEY (D) (M) (P) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 607 (10) 003110 MINKEY (D) (M) (P) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 608 (11) 003110 MINKEY (D) (M) (P) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 609 (12) 003110 MINKEY (D) (M) (P) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 610 (13) 003110 MINKEY (D) (M) (P) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 611 (14) 003110 MINKEY (D) (M) (P) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 612 (15) 003110 MINKEY (D) (M) (P) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 613 (16) 003110 MINKEY (D) (M) (P) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 614 (17) 003110 MINKEY (D) (M) (P) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 615 (18) 003110 MINKEY (D) (M) (P) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 616 (19) 003110 MINKEY (D) (M) (P) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 617 (20) 003110 MINKEY (D) (M) (P) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 618 (21) 003110 MINKEY (D) (M) (P) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 619 (22) 003110 MINKEY (D) (M) (P) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 620 (23) 003110 MINKEY (D) (M) (P) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4

FORM

NINO BIBBIA (8-1) won at Ascot (1m, £7,947, good, Sept 10, 1m). MINKEY (8-1) won at Ascot (1m, £7,947, good, Sept 10, 1m). MINKEY (8-1) won at Ascot (1m, £7,947, good, Sept 10, 1m).

2.50 CORAL BOOMERS SPRING TROPHY HANDICAP (£8,779; 5f) (9 runners)

1 (8) 211110 CATHERINES WELLS (D) (Hippodrome) M W Eastley 3-8-10. G Carter 94 7-2 2 (9) 412-031 HANDSOME SAILOR (R) (Sangster) M W Dickson 3-8-9. G Duffield 96 3-1 3 (4) 200100 MATTOU (D) (M) (P) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 4 (5) 111110 BUTTERFLY (D) (P) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 5 (6) 000000 DORING LAD (D) (P) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 6 (7) 00-040 NUBBLY (D) (A) (S) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 7 (8) 000000 SORCHA (D) (P) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 8 (9) 200210 SOFTLY SPOKEN (D) (A) (S) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4

FORM

FELIPE TORO (8-9) just failed to land some substantial bets in the Avon Gold Cup (8f, £2,247, 11-4, 8m). FELIPE TORO (8-9) just failed to land some substantial bets in the Avon Gold Cup (8f, £2,247, 11-4, 8m).

3.25 COLDSTREAM GUARDS ASSOCIATION CUP STAKES (3-Y-O: fillies: £3,804; 1m 1f) (13 runners)

1 (1) 1 ALDYA'S PROMISE (J) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 2 (2) 000000 ANOTHER PAGEANT (Shah Mikhalides) J Dunlop 8-11. M Thomson 96 12-1 3 (3) 400300 ETTORE (D) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 4 (4) 4-240 FRIEL (D) (C) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 5 (5) 000000 GREENWELLS JOY (D) (A) (S) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 6 (6) 4111 ON TAP (D) (L) (C) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 7 (7) 002000 SORCHA (D) (P) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 8 (8) 000000 SANCLIA (M) (C) (D) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 9 (9) 4111 ON TAP (D) (L) (C) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 10 (10) 000-000 STILL MARCHING (D) (W) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 11 (11) 4000 SUMMER GARDEN (P) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 12 (12) 4 SWIFT DELILAH (T) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 13 (13) 4 SWIFT DELILAH (T) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4

4.0 ROCKINGHAM STAKES (2-Y-O: £7,765; 6f) (7 runners)

1 (7) 121134 CHIME TIME (D) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 2 (2) 012110 BORN TO RACE (D) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 3 (3) 11041 LIGORATE (D) (M) (C) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 4 (4) 142 MIDYAN (D) (P) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 5 (5) 4111 ON TAP (D) (L) (C) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 6 (6) 10241 PEATSWOOD SHOOTER (D) (G) (A) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 7 (7) 120300 NUTWOOD LAD (M) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4

4.30 EBF BRAMHAM MOOR STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,341; 5f) (6 runners)

2 (5) 1 GALLANT GALLOIS (D) (J) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 3 (6) 010000 TOTTENHAM (D) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 4 (3) 0000 TRY MILLS SUPPLIES (M) (G) (S) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 5 (4) 02 MA PETITE LASSIE (R) (F) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4 6 (1) 02 PUSHOFF (D) (P) (M) Sadyo G Harwood 9-6. G Stacey 95 5-4

Course specialists

Table with columns for TRAINERS and JOCKEYS, listing names and statistics.

Leading Counsel for encore in sub-standard St Leger

Students of racing who take a global view of the sport should be their element as they weigh up the outcome of the major races in Ireland this weekend. This afternoon the Phoenix Park put on two preparatory races for the Breeders' Cup in the United States and tomorrow afternoon the Curragh play host to the Jefferson Smurfit Memorial Irish St Leger. The runners at these two meetings include not merely a class that have been performing in English and Irish group races but also contenders who, on their latest outings, were participants in France, Germany, Norway and America. The star attraction at the Phoenix Park will be the appearance of Lord Derby's durable six-year-old Teleprompter in the 1635.000 Breeders Cup Prep Mile. On previous visits to this course in 1984 and 1985, Teleprompter emerged a facile winner of the Pacemaker International Stakes. Subsequently he etched glory and a fistful of dollars in the Budweiser Million at Arlington Park in Chicago. Although he has not been quite as effective this season, it was a courageous effort to get so close to Sure Blade in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot. The most interesting of his four rivals today is Cumute, who last season was a maiden race at Newmarket when trained by Frank Durr and who this year has campaigned most successfully in Scandinavia where he won the Norwegian 2,000 Guineas. He is hardly likely to prove up to the standard of Teleprompter, though. The Breeders Cup Classic, when the finish was fought out dominated by the English runner, Faburola, who ran second to Kazaroun in the Cumberland Lodge Stakes at Ascot, and Normood. On an early season form, Normood would have the advantage but he may not be trained on as well as Highland Chief, the mount of Pat Eddy. It was a wise decision on the part of the Curragh executive to open up the Irish St Leger to older horses but it has been confined to three-year-olds, tomorrow's renewal would have been something of a fiasco as the only competitors from that age group are Auhaal and Elementary Auhaal. Auhaal has won his three starts in Ireland but his limitations exposed when he went to York while Elementary has yet to run. This race could develop into a carbon copy of the 1983 running when the finish was fought out dominated by the English runner, Faburola, who ran second to Kazaroun in the Cumberland Lodge Stakes at Ascot, and Normood. On an early season form, Normood would have the advantage but he may not be trained on as well as Highland Chief, the mount of Pat Eddy. It was a wise decision on the part of the Curragh executive to open up the Irish St Leger to older horses but it has been confined to three-year-olds, tomorrow's renewal would have been something of a fiasco as the only competitors from that age group are Auhaal and Elementary Auhaal. Auhaal has won his three starts in Ireland but his limitations exposed when he went to York while Elementary has yet to run. This race could develop into a carbon copy of the 1983 running when the finish was fought out dominated by the English runner, Faburola, who ran second to Kazaroun in the Cumberland Lodge Stakes at Ascot, and Normood. On an early season form, Normood would have the advantage but he may not be trained on as well as Highland Chief, the mount of Pat Eddy. It was a wise decision on the part of the Curragh executive to open up the Irish St Leger to older horses but it has been confined to three-year-olds, tomorrow's renewal would have been something of a fiasco as the only competitors from that age group are Auhaal and Elementary Auhaal. Auhaal has won his three starts in Ireland but his limitations



RACING
Hanbury aims for further classic success with Raahia

Ben Hanbury, the Newmarket trainer, is predicting that Raahia will follow in the triumphant footsteps of his dual Classic winner, Midway Lady, next year. Raahia certainly looked star material as she swept home by four lengths on her racecourse debut in the Duke of Edinburgh Stakes at Ascot yesterday.

Hanbury said: "Raahia is by far my best two-year-old and is definitely my filly for 1987. She showed me from the word go that she has great ability and I'll map out an identical programme for her to that of Midway Lady this year. Sadly, injury prevented Midway Lady from reappearing after the Oaks and Hanbury reports that the filly flies to the United States on Wednesday and will come up for auction at the Breeders' Cup sale.

One of Raahia's principal rivals on the Classic scene next year is likely to be Percy's Lass, who was equally impressive when carrying top weight to a five-length success in the Holsten Pike Nursery. Both fillies are 33-1.

Percy's Lass produced exciting bursts of acceleration and her trainer, Geoffrey Wragg, said: "She could well be a Classic filly. We'll take it easy now and she will definitely not run again this season."

Daring Doone, who is up for sale, did a splendid piece of self-advertising when gamely beating the 11-4 favourite, Hidden Brief, by a neck in the Grand Metropolitan Stakes. Although Daring Doone



Spanish challenger: Marta Figueras-Dotti in joint second place behind Peggy Conley

GOLF: BRITISH WOMEN'S OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
Pep talk that lifted Miss Conley's spirit and game

Peggy Conley yesterday edged closer towards a famous win in the British women's Open at Royal Birkdale only months after vowing that she would quit the game at the end of this season.

The 39-year-old from Seattle, Washington, attached a second round of 69 to her opening 70 for an 11 under par halfway aggregate of 139 and a one stroke lead from Debbie Dowling (70) and the Spaniard Marta Figueras-Dotti (72).

Conley's comeback was inspired by pep talks from her husband, John, and a group of friends. "I was going to be my last year but I'm having so much fun again on the course that I expect to be around for a long while now."

Norman trails to newcomer

The highlight of Ogle's round came on the eleventh hole when he holed out with a nine-iron for a birdie. Ogle's 36-hole total of nine-under-135 was two shots better than the Australian, Greg Norman and Jeff Woodland, and the New Zealander, Bruce Souley.

FOR THE RECORD

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YACHTING
New Zealand takes it easy in dock as her rivals slog it out at sea

On a second day when Britain's White Crusader made most of the high-velocity shifting breezes out in Gage Roads - this time defeating French Kiss by a convincing 1 minute 28 second margin - main interest in the America's Cup trials centred around new Zealand's "Plastic-fantastic" 12 metre.

While her 12 alloy constructed rivals slogged it out on the race course, the controversial glass fibre constructed New Zealand 12 metre remained modestly screened from view in her dock while Chris Dickson, the skipper, and his crew enjoyed a well-earned by from this initial Round Robin series.

In Britain's race against French Kiss, Harold Cudmore, the skipper, who has yet to lose a start in this series, soon had the measure of the French design, and after crossing the line two seconds ahead towards the favoured starboard side of the course, was timely placed for the first big shift of the day.

That change in wind direction little more than a minute after the start, gave the British a five length lead and the race seemed settled - until the breeze suddenly shifted back again. Then French Kiss, coming in from the opposite side of the course, suddenly posed a serious threat, dipping under White Crusader's stern as they cross-tacked.

That moment of shock for the British soon faded, for Cudmore picked Crusader through the shifts to round the

RESULTS

Table with columns for Race, Boat, Skipper, and Time. Includes results for various America's Cup trials races.

LEADING POSITIONS

Table showing the current standings of the competing yachts in the America's Cup trials.

TENNIS

Bale is back with a new challenge

Two of the half-forgotten men of British tennis, Stuart Bale and Jonathan Smith, will contest a semi-final of the Refuge Assurance national championships at Telford today. Each has beaten two men with higher rankings.

Conner in another argument

In a further twist to the "Glassgate" controversy surrounding the New Zealand glassfibre America's Cup challenger, Dennis Conner and Stripes syndicate yesterday published the correspondence questioning the ability of Lloyd's surveyors to ensure that the Kiwi 12-metre was moulded uniformly.

Lloyd out of British dates

The recurrence of a knee injury has forced Chris Lloyd to withdraw from the Brighton tournament on October 20 and the Wightman Cup match between Britain and the United States at the Albert Hall on October 30.

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Results from three meetings

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Hexham
Going Firm
2.15 (2m) 1. Gode Law (P. Neven, 4-6) 2. ...

Worcester
Going Good to firm
2.0 (2m) 4. LIGHT THE LOT (S. Starkey, 2-5) 1. ...

Blinkered first time
OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: All engagements (dead) - Fast And Friendly, Far Rockaway, Savanna King, Ben Ewell, Ben Oscar, ...

RACING ABROAD

Dunlop raids Germany and Italy in title chase

John Dunlop, who runs Highland Chieftain and I Want To Be in Ireland this weekend, has his sights set on other big prizes in Italy and Germany tomorrow and has fine prospects of closing the gap on Michael Souto and Guy Harwood overseas.

Grants under threat

The Rugby Football Union and the Lawn Tennis Association are among the 29 governing bodies to have given "qualified commitment" to drug testing and could lose their government grants if they do not introduce an effective programme in the coming year.

Champagne in Martin's port of Cape Town

The champagne was being loaded into Cape Town's coolers in preparation for the John Martin's arrival at his home port at the head of the 24 strong RORC single handed round the world race last night (Barry Pickhall writes).

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Saturday

Weekend television and radio programmes Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

Sunday

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8.30 The Family News. (r) 8.35 The Muppet Babies. Saturday Superstore. Amongst this morning's customers are Cliff Richard, Sarah Brightman and Andrew Lloyd Webber, who talk about the new musical, The Phantom of the Opera; wildlife expert Terry Nutkins; Nik Kershaw; Karen Foster with fashion designer and astronomer, and astronomer, and astronomer.

TV-AM
6.55 TV-AM Introduced by Richard Kaye. Weather at 6.58; News at 7.00. 7.30 The Wide Awake Club. The guests include pop group Morris and the Protons, and Scarlett O'Neil.



Bette Davis and Herbert Marshall in 'The Letter' (BBC2, 4.05pm), the second of today's two Bette Davis films on BBC2

BBC 2
9.00 Ceefax. 1.05 Open University: Spoiling the View. 1.30 Ceefax. 1.50 Film: 'The Old Maid' (1938) starring Bette Davis, Miriam Hopkins, and George Brent. Nineteenth century drama about two cousins, Charlotte and Della Lovell, who are at odds over the former's illegitimate child. The child grows up to regard his mother as a maiden aunt. Directed by Edmund Goulding. Laramie, Western adventures. (r)

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8.55 Play School. 9.15 Articles of Faith. Rediscovering religious belief. 8.30 This is the Day. A simple religious service from a viewer's home on the Blackbird Lane estate, Oxford. Asian Magazine. In celebration of the 21st anniversary of the first programme for Asian viewers on the BBC, a compilation of clips from past programmes 10.30 Talking Business. A new series for businessmen whose second language is English 10.55 European Italian Lesson one of a beginner's Italian conversation course. (r)

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In guerrilla bands: a scene from Jeff B. Harman's film Jihad - Afghanistan's Holy War (BBC1, 10.20pm)

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Frank Shoulder Borodin and Dvorak: Alberti String Quartet, with Gordon Back (piano). Borodin (Unfinished trio for two violins, cello, and Trio on theme of Russian song), Dvorak (Piano Quintet in A Op 6) 5.30 The Harpist: Roger Nichols on Paris musical life 1927-8 (r) 6.15 Haydn: Canelli conducts in the SO in the Symphony No 93 6.45 Liszt and the Piano: Harish Mame plays works including Galateo No 1 in D flat major, and Vaises oubeles Nos 1,3, and 4. 7.30 Britten/Tippett Festival: BBC (under Pritcher, with Faye Robinson (soprano), Anthony Rolfs-Johnson (tenor), Part opera, Britten (Sinfonia da Requiem), John Huntig Fathers 8.20 Poetry Now: presented by Kevin Crossley, and John Hayward. The poets include Fergus Chawick, Glyn Hughes and John Sewall Britten (Symphony No 3) 8.45 Metaphors or Malets: Peter Matthews presents an anthology of writings about South Africa 10.25 French Music for piano and voice: David Johnson (piano), Richard August, Neil Black, The King, William Waterhouse, Sarah-Saena (soprano), Daniel Nis and Russian airs), Poulenc (Trio for oboe, bassoon, piano), Berkeley (Pica for flute, clarinet, bassoon), Magard (Quintet) 11.30 Silvestro Leopold Weiss: The Angel Nightingale Request Show 9.00-11.00-12.00 The Rankin Miles 7 with John Ross Stereo Radios 1 & 2: 4.00am As Radio 2. 5.00pm As Radio 1. 12.00-4.00am As Radio 2.

Radio 1
MF (medium wave) Stereo on VHF (see below) News on the half-hour until 12.30pm, then 2.30pm, 3.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30, 12.00 midnight. 8.15 Peter Dinklage. In the Power 10.00am Dave Lee Travis 1.00pm Adrian Jaffe 2.00 City City. Richard Page is driven around Sheffield by his cousin Mark Fry. Fry, en route, they encounter Heaven 17, Cabaret Voltaire, and John Wilson and the No. 2000 Chart Show. With Gary Bard 5.00 Saturday Live with Andy Kershaw 6.30 in Concert on 6.30am News 7.30 Mike Read 8.30-12.00 Midnight Runners Show with Dido Peach. Featuring Pat Famine and John Wilson and the No. 2000 Chart Show. VHF Stereo: Radio 1 & 2- 4.00am As Radio 2. 1.00pm As Radio 1. 7.30-4.00am As Radio 2.



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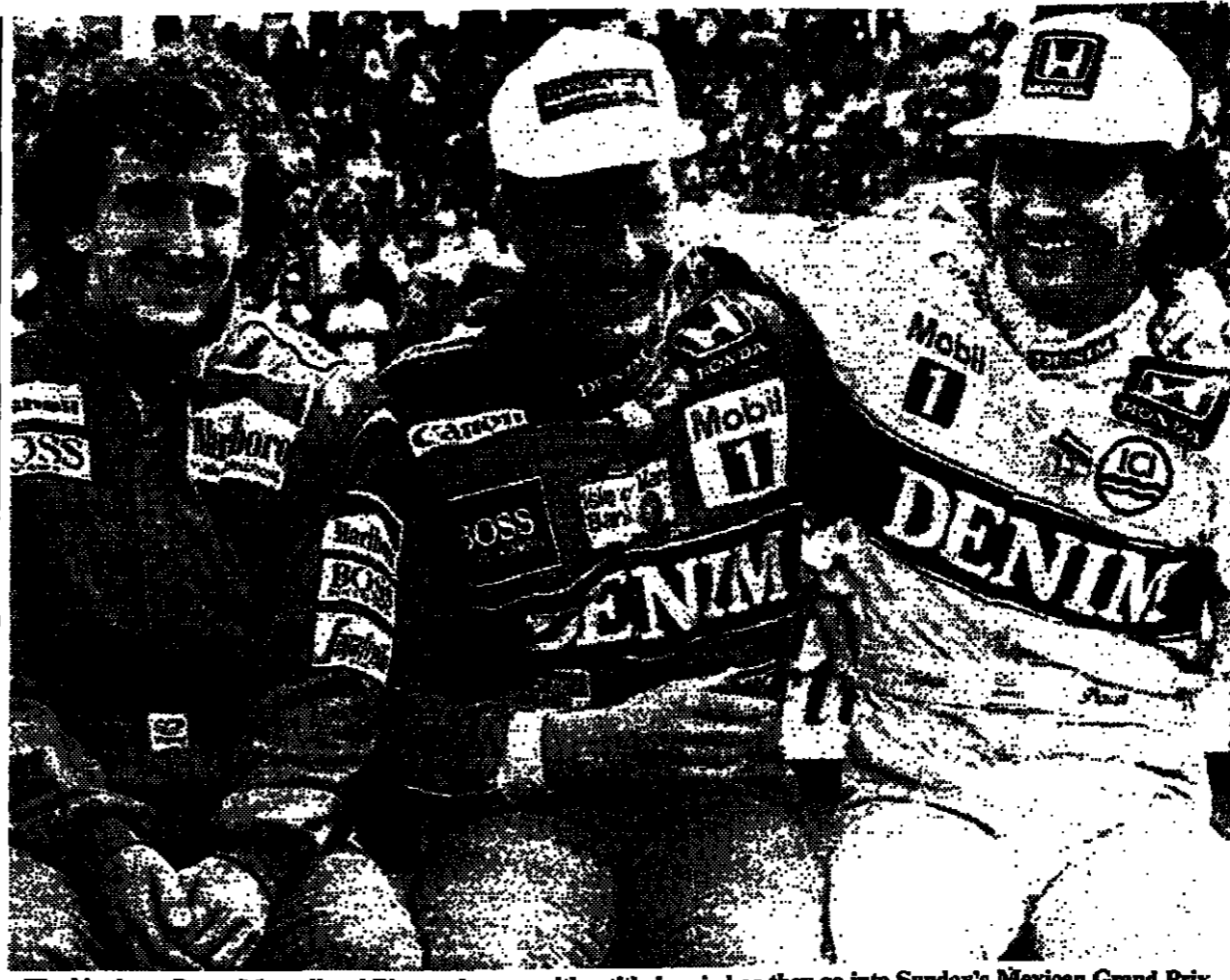
Claesen likes the English game best

Nico Claesen spoke of his admiration for English football as he prepared to make his Tottenham debut against Liverpool at Anfield today.

Rangers, Hibernian on guard

By Hugh Taylor The players of Rangers and Hibernian will be on their best behaviour at Ibrox this afternoon as the premier division enters the second phase of the 44-match programme.

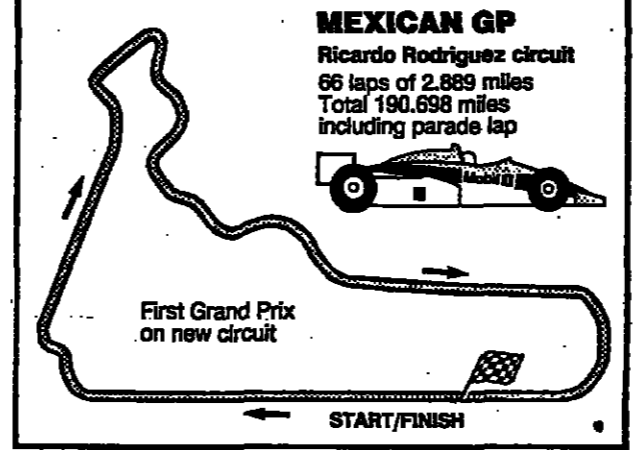
FREE GOLF AND A GREAT DEAL MORE. Broome Park Canterbury. Broome Park was once the home of Lord Kitchener, and was built in 1837.



The big three: Prost, Mansell and Piquet, the men with a title in mind as they go into Sunday's Mexican Grand Prix

Rough and bumpy for Mansell

From John Blunsden, Mexico City "I tell you what, I wish it was Brands Hatch or Silverstone on Sunday afternoon instead of Mexico City". That was Nigel Mansell's verdict on the Hermanos Rodriguez circuit after his first two hours of testing here with his Canon Williams-Honda.



Windsor reveals payment secret

By Paul Martin Bobby Windsor yesterday admitted that he and other British Lions players secretly accepted money on two international tours in the seventies, and challenged the rugby authorities to take disciplinary action.

Team funds for tour players

Mr Thomas added: "There have been team funds for players from almost every country in the world, including the two All Blacks tours I managed, and that will continue. It's been going on for dozens of years, though I myself was never involved in breaking the rules. I don't call that professionalism at all."

Germany are less than generous to Poles

By Sydney Friskin West Germany gave a polished display to achieve their first victory in Group B of the World Cup Hockey Tournament at Wilsleden yesterday after defeating Poland. The Germans, one of the fancied teams for a place in the semi-finals, have four points from three matches and have yet to play Canada and India.

Australia turn on power to consolidate position

By Sydney Friskin Australia began their scoring spree with a goal in the fourth minute by Batch, who took advantage of a poor clearance by Malgosa. Three minutes later the same defender conceded a penalty stroke, and Charlesworth converted the stroke.

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Richards is unworried

Karachi (Reuters) - West Indies captain Viv Richards said today his players were unworried by either the pitches or the umpires they would encounter during their six-week tour of Pakistan.

Widnes blow

Widnes Rugby League Club have been shaken by the news that Australian scrum half Craig Coleman must return to South Sydney by March 1.

China double

Shenzhen (Reuters) - China clinched both team table tennis titles at the Asian championships when the men defeated North Korea 5-2 and the women beat their North Korean opponents 3-0.

New dates

British Rail's badminton "special" will stop at three more stations after the success of the first two events in the four-side Railcards team challenge.

Olympic bid

The northern Japanese city of Yamagata has decided to bid for the Winter Olympics in the year 2000.

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